



## The Performing Arts

Music is fundamental to the creative, intellectual and emotional development of all children, and in particular for children in primary school.

Research conducted by the Australian Music Association has found the benefits of learning music to be quite extensive. Music engages imagination, fosters flexible ways of thinking, develops disciplined effort, builds self confidence and makes you feel terrific too! It has also been proven that learning music improves learning in other academic subjects, including greater reading ability and language skills. Music encourages a better memory, the ability to work as a team member and improves children's social skills.

Children at Glendal are exposed to music and drama from Prep to Year 6. They participate in a variety of activities including the traditional musical activities of singing, moving and playing of instruments. They also work on more complex activities such as composing of music and performing dramatical role-plays up to full scale productions. The children in Year 2 perform a mini-musical and the Year 6 children perform a full musical production.

Children with other skills and interests may take part in the School Band or the School Choir, both of which perform during the year inside and outside the school.

All children in years 3 and 4 learn the descant recorder with the opportunity to learn to play a variety of other, larger recorders.

All children take part in performing in various concerts during the year. Typically these concerts would be in Education Week, the Christmas Concert, for special events such as the Olympics, hosting visitors from other schools, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day assemblies.