



**PITTWATER**  
HIGH SCHOOL



# PHS Performing Ensembles 2024



## PHS Performing Ensembles 2024 Registration Form



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**Pittwater High School** is well regarded for the amazing opportunities we offer young musicians, with many gaining skills beyond those at other schools, including private schools. Students who have not yet begun to learn an instrument are welcome to discuss borrowing a school instrument and beginning with a tutor to gain the basic technique and understanding to then join an ensemble when ready. This can be discussed with Dr Martin Hardy, head of Creative and Performing Arts.

There are currently **eight performing ensembles** for students to participate in. Each student must first be a member of their primary ensemble, and those who choose may take on a second ensemble. Primary ensembles include the wind ensembles, string ensembles and choir. Secondary ensembles include the symphony orchestra, advanced strings and stage bands.

The current rehearsal schedule allows for **2 hours of rehearsal** per week for each member of the primary performing ensembles. This should also be supported by tutorials outside of school. Students training for their AMEB or Trinity exams would generally have a one hour tutorial in order to cover the school music as well as the exam music. Secondary ensembles are in addition to this basic structure. Primary ensembles are based firstly on school years but are flexible to allow for balance of instruments across the different levels. The **indicative 2024 rehearsal schedule** (based on 2023 timetable) is shown in the table below:

### Indicative 2024 Timetable

Ensemble	Day	Time	Year group
<b>Wind Ensembles – woodwind, brass, percussion</b>			
Symphonic Band	Thursday	2:40 – 4:40 pm	10-12 (others by audition)
Concert Band	Monday Wednesday	7:20 - 8:30 am 7:20 - 8:30 am	7-9 (older, less experienced students welcome)
<b>String Ensembles – violin, viola, cello, double bass</b>			
String ensemble	Thursday	2:30 – 3:30 pm	7-12
Advanced strings	Thursday	3:45 – 4:30 pm	By audition
<b>Orchestra– all strings, selected brass, woodwind, percussion</b>			
Orchestra	Thursday	7:20 – 8:30 am	7-12 (all string players)
<b>Jazz – Jazz improvisation – selected wind instruments, percussion, vocalist, bass</b>			
Junior Stage Band	Tuesday	7:20 – 8:30 am	7-12 (TBC, subject to student enrolments)
Big Band	Friday	7:20 – 8:30 am	By audition
Vocal Ensemble	TBC		

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