



## **ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

### **THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

The Music Department at St Paul's is inclusive, helping every student to develop their musical ability to the fullest extent possible, regardless of prior experience. We help pupils to develop their creativity and self-confidence through performing, composing and listening. We introduce pupils to a wide range of diverse musical styles from many different eras, countries and cultures. We encourage pupils to consider music in its social, historical and cultural context and to be aware of the influences of other arts upon it.

The department is housed in a purpose built suite comprising 2 large classrooms, 4 practice rooms, office space and 3 lockable storage cupboards. All teaching rooms have interactive whiteboards. One classroom has 15 iMacs running Logic Pro, GarageBand and Sibelius software. The other large classroom has 20 PCs running Sibelius.

There are also 6 additional Apple iMacs and 2 MacBooks also running Logic Pro and GarageBand software with some recording equipment and midi keyboards. We have a grand piano, upright pianos in each practice room, and an electric piano used for performances and concerts. Each classroom is equipped with keyboards, tuned and untuned percussion instruments, guitars, and ukuleles. We have a grand piano in the theatre for concerts and performances.

The department is currently staffed by 3 music teachers and 10 visiting instrumental teachers who provide lessons on the violin, cello, keyboard, piano, drum kit, guitar, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, brass, saxophone and singing.