Music Excellence is a two year course (8M-9M) and assists in developing students’ individual creativity and expression through a range of music learning experiences, leading to further pathways in the Creative Industries.

Year 8 entry to this subject is based on an interview / audition of work.

Students are exposed to the following areas of study, with the opportunity to further pursue their specific area of interest later in the course:

**Performance**  
Skill development in Music, Singing, including study of music elements and how these translate within music performance. Solo, small and large ensemble experience, performance techniques, performance at school functions

**Analysis**  
Students will be exposed to a variety of different music styles and genres and will develop aural and written analysis skills. Musical styles to be analysed include contemporary songs and film themes.

**Composing**  
Students will engage in computer and keyboard technology (ACID, Sibelius, Photoscore, Roland Fantom X8, Multi-channel digital recorder) to compose using a variety of different compositional techniques. The school also has recording facilities that students will use for composing. The fundamentals of composing are also implemented through music theory and analysis of repertoire.

**Other opportunities**  
Participation in all facets of music: planning and rehearsal, creation and evaluation of music performance, presenting music performance at information evenings, technical assistance on music tours, music concerts, etc.

Realising pathways between the curriculum and associated practitioner roles, with practical experience in areas such as sound setup, concert coordination and performance, recording studio experience, etc.

Developing industry links through work with industry professionals, with an increased awareness of a diverse number of possible career paths within the Music Industry.