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CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC

Year 1 & 2 Strings Program Performance

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At last Friday's Prep to Year 2 Assembly, the Year 1 & 2 Strings Program students performed a variety of pieces, showcasing the skills they have developed throughout Terms 3 and 4.

The 32 Year 1 and Year 2 students demonstrated impressive fine motor control while playing their notes, confident bow technique through appropriate pressure and string contact, and strong rhythmic awareness as they performed together as an ensemble. The students delighted the audience with a selection of familiar favourites, including Old MacDonald Had a Farm, Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star and Jingle Bells. Their performance was enthusiastically received by students, staff and parents alike.

This exciting initiative has been running for 12 years and provides students with the opportunity to learn the violin under the direction of Ehab Ibrahim, a virtuoso performer and experienced educator.

Bookings can be made for Terms 1 & 2 2027 through the College website[events page](#).

Confidence, Courage and Creativity on Display

Young Performers Evening was a wonderful celebration of musical learning and achievement, featuring performances by students undertaking private music tuition across the College. The evening showcased a diverse range of instruments and musical styles, providing students with the opportunity to perform in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Students demonstrated remarkable confidence, dedication and musicianship as they presented solo performances on instruments including piano, violin, guitar, drums, voice, woodwinds and brass. Their performances reflected the many hours of practice and commitment invested throughout the year and highlighted the progress they have made under the guidance of their

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tutors.

To open the night, the audience was treated to a performance by five of the tutors, Mr Tweed on trumpet, Mr Rue on tuba, Mr Manuel on drums, Mr Dollin on saxophone and Mr Steedman on clarinet with a New Orleans version of Amazing Grace and a performance on the cello by the strings tutor Ehab Ibrahim accompanied on piano by tutor Rachel Howard of Scherzo by D Goens.

Young Performers Evening not only celebrates individual achievement but also encourages students to develop valuable performance skills, build confidence and share their musical talents with the College community.

We congratulate all performers for their hard work and courage in taking to the stage and extend our thanks to the private music tutors and families whose support helps make opportunities such as these possible. The evening was a fitting reminder of the vibrant musical culture that continues to flourish at Thomas Hassall Anglican College.

Through one-on-one guidance, private music tuition helps children develop strong musical skills while fostering confidence, perseverance, and a lifelong appreciation of music. If you would like your child to participate in lessons in 2027, complete the application form found on the College website.

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