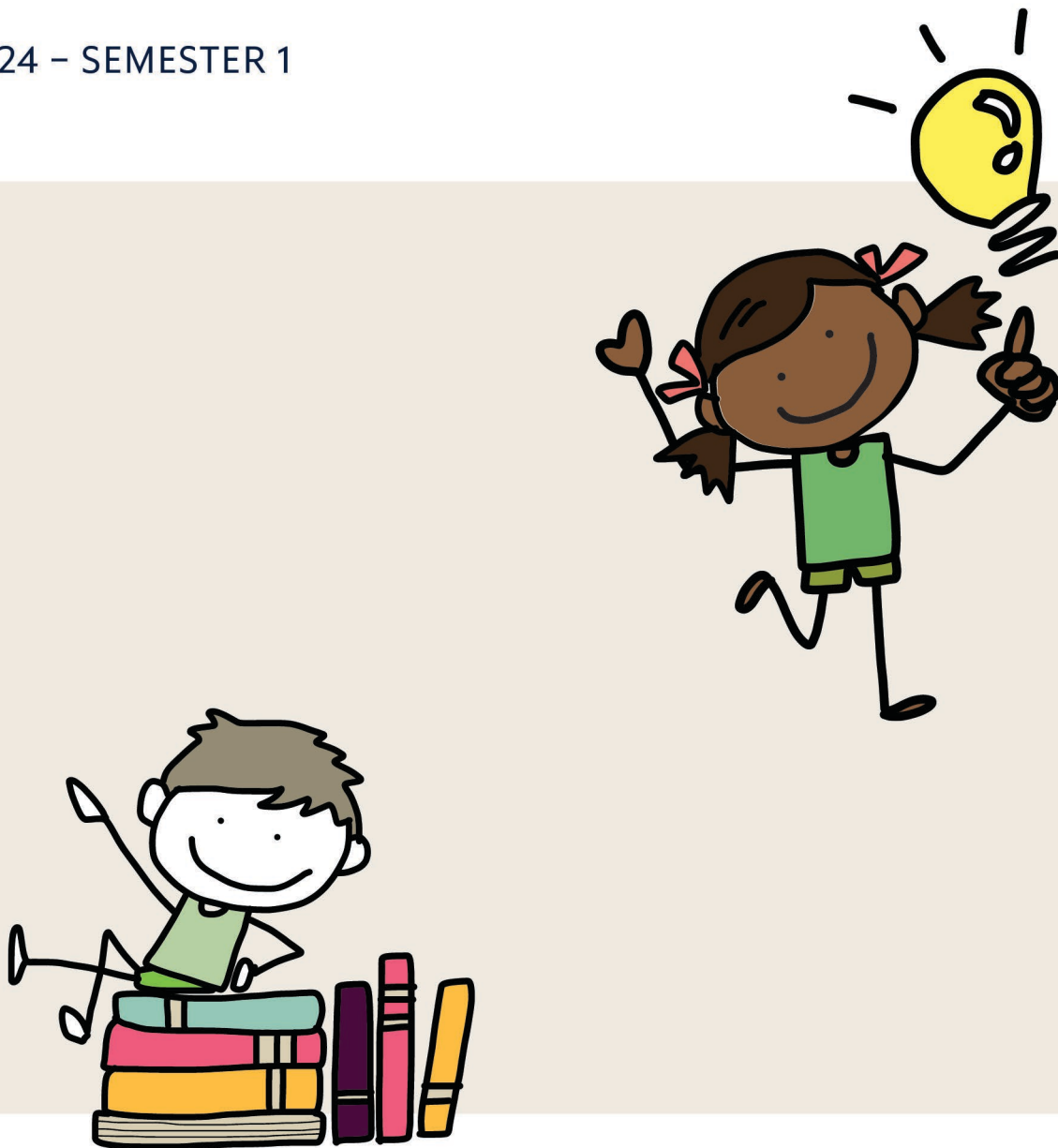

Co-curricular

Year 5 - Year 6

2024 – SEMESTER 1



ST ANDREW'S
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Welcome to Junior School Co-Curricular

We are delighted to share with you our Co-Curricular activities being offered during Semester 1, 2024. Following on from our survey in 2023, we have listened and pleased to offer our new improved Co-Curricular programme. We are pleased to confirm you now only have to register twice a year. This will take the pressure of families having to register every term and allows the school more time to develop and enhance the programme being offered.

We would like to remind parents of the online selection process. We ask you read through the instructions thoroughly (attached to the email) prior to using the booking platform when it opens on Monday. The main factor is to ensure you have logged into this Clipboard or downloaded the new St Andrews Cathedral School app, prior to the booking site opening and are fully aware of your log in and password details.

Key Dates:

Bookings Open: Monday 29 January at 8:00pm

Bookings Close: Thursday 1 February at 9:00am

SEMESTER 1, 2024 - Co-Curricular activities will commence Week 3, Semester 1 2024:

Term 1: Monday 12 Feb – Friday 5 April (*the school will be closed Thursday 28 March – Monday 1 April due to the Easter Break*)

Term 2: Monday 6 May – Friday 21 June

The Junior School has a large selection of Co-Curricular activities and groups in addition to music and sport. These activities change and rotate each term depending on the season or staffing available. Most activities are run by teachers and held before or after school, usually one day per week. Some activities involve an additional cost, but this will be clearly outlined in the Activity Glossary.

Spaces fill quickly for popular options and are limited due to teacher/student ratios. If you miss out on a space in the booking system, please immediately add your child to the waitlist. **The waitlist is how we determine if we need to extend the class.** Each term we manage to get almost all students into their chosen activity if they have been added to this waitlist. Please use the waitlist if you are unable to book.

We also recommend adding a reminder to your calendar for the booking portal opening time.

Co-Curricular Booking Information

Co-Curricular Booking Site

[Clipboard link](#)

Bookings open
Monday 29 January at
8:00pm

and will close
Thursday 1 February at
9:00am

If you have any enquires regarding Co-Curricular activities please email:

jscocurricular@sacs.nsw.edu.au

For all music enquiries and bookings please contact the below:

Mrs Kate Robertson

kr Robertson@sacs.nsw.edu.au

External Bookings are required for the following co-curricular activities:

Code Camp Coding -Year 2-6 (Wed)

<https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/3391/signup>

Code Camp Design Year 3-6 (Wed)

<https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/3425/signup>

Code Camp Coding Year 2-6 (Thur)

<https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/3390/signup>

Code Camp Minecraft Engineers Year 2-6 (Thur)

<https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/3426/signup>

Chess

<http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment>

Enter Code: BH4X9ENKZR for Years 5-6

Junior School Co-Curricular (Years 5-6)

Timetable Semester 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School				
Browse Borrow and Read (K-6) R Cosentino Library 8:00 – 8:30am	Browse Borrow and Read (K-6) R Cosentino Library 8:00 – 8:30am	Browse Borrow and Read (K-6) R Cosentino Library 8:00 – 8:30am	Browse Borrow and Read (K-6) R Cosentino Library 8:00 – 8:30am	Music Craft (3-6)* S810 8:00 – 8:30am
Junior Choir (3-6) 7.40am - 8.25am Fairfax	Junior Chapel Band (5-6) 7.40am - 8.25am By audition only Fairfax	Junior Chamber Group (4-6) S810 By invitation only 7.40 – 8.40am	Basketball Boys (Year 5) W Damjanovic SAH Gym Level 7 7.45-8.30am	Book Club (5-6) R Cosentino Library 8:00 – 8:30am
	Junior Tuned Percussion (4-6) 7.40am – 8.25am S643	Netball Girls (5-6) SAH Gym Level 7 7.45-8.30am		Basketball Boys (Year 6) W Damjanovic SAH Gym Level 7 7.45-8.30am
Lunch Time				
Games, Craft and Colouring (K-6) R Cosentino Library	Games, Craft and Colouring (K-6) R Cosentino Library	Games, Craft and Colouring (K-6) R Cosentino Library	Games, Craft and Colouring (K-6) R Cosentino Library	Fellowship Bible Blast (5-6) E Newling Stage 3 Open Area
	Chess Club (5-6) * (External) 6M Classroom			
Afternoon Tea				

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School				
Junior Concert Band (3-6) Chapter House	Truly Amazing Games (3-6) J Boddy Stage 3 Open Area	Junior Training Strings (K-6) S643	Music Maestros (K-6) 3.30-4.00pm Fairfax	Junior Rock Band (5-6) S820
Junior String Orchestra (3-6) S810 Junior Intermediate Strings (K-6) S643	Homework Club (3-6) E McCormic Meet Stage 3 Open Area	Code Camp Coding (2-6) (External) 3D Classroom	Code Camp Minecraft Engineering (2-6) * (External) 3D Classroom	Theatre Sports (5-6) D Callan Stage 3 Open Area 3.15-4.45pm
	Ball Sports (3-6) Jen Ralph & Josh Ralph Meet at Bathurst Street Steps 3:15 – 4:45pm	Code Camp Design (3-6) * (External) 3G Classroom	Code Camp Coding (2-6)* (External) 3G Classroom	
Homework Club (3-6) R Cavenagh, E Harrison, P Love, C Dangar 6C, 5H, 4L & 3D Classroom	Art (5-6) R Nicholls 6L Classroom	Hip Hop and Jazz (3-6) (External) Dance Studio, Level 5 3:15-4:45pm	Movie Maker Club (5-6) T Ryman Stage 3 Open Area	Makers Club (5-6) BBC Design Studio 3:30 – 4:45pm
	Chinese Vocab Builder (5-6) C Ye Music Classroom, Level 6	Public Speaking Y5 (External) 5H	DodgeBall (5-6) J Leedow & J Hawkins SAH Roof Playground	F1 in Schools (5-6) N Marshall BBC Design Studio 3:30 – 4:45pm
	Table Tennis (5-6) L Whelan Sports Centre Ground	Theatre Sports (5-6) D Callan Stage 3 Open Area 3:15 – 4:45pm	Textiles (5-6) M Daly Level 7 Art Room	ISDA Debating 5-6 3:30 – 5:00pm Level 5 Open Area - 9 Feb
	LEGO First Robotics (5-6) 3:30 – 5:30pm Design Centre BLG07	Squash (5-6) External (SUSAC) Meet Bathurst Street Steps 3:15-5:00pm	Girl's Soccer (5-6) M Sharp & C Thomas Meet at Bathurst Street Steps	
	Rugby (5-6) 3:15 – 4:45pm SAO Commencing after 24 Feb	Hockey (5-6) (Girls) SAH Roof Top 3:25 – 4:45pm T2 only	Boy's Cricket (5-6) 3:15 – 4:45pm WWP Outer Finishes 24 Feb	
	Football (5-6) Girls T1 only 3:15 – 4:45pm WWP Outer			
	Touch Football 5-6 Girls T2 only 3:15 – 4:45pm – WWP Outer			

Junior School and Gawura Co-Curricular 5-6 Activity Glossary

Monday 8:00am – 8:30am

Browse, Borrow & Read K-6 (no booking required)

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Monday Lunchtime

Games, Craft & Colouring K-6 (no booking required)

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Monday 3:15 – 4:15pm (unless otherwise stated)

Homework Club 3-6

(Maximum 40 students– \$190 for the semester (two terms). Two options of day – Monday or Tuesday. Please note only Years 5 & 6 can select both Monday and Tuesday, all other students must select only the one afternoon.

We recognise that some parents are "time-poor" and would prefer to spend their precious spare time doing something other than supervising their child's Homework. We also recognise that some children would benefit from the additional time with a qualified teacher to help maximise the learning experience of Homework.

The teachers work on the homework set by the class teacher, and if time allows, supervise additional reading and basic Mathematics fact revision. It will not be a time for games. We encourage the children to work productively in a time efficient manner. Attending a Homework Club will enable families to organise their week without having to fit homework in after extra sporting or cultural pursuits.

programme would suit students interested in technology and engineering. Students will develop skills in an Industry used CAD program called Solidworks.

Tuesday 8:00am – 8:30am

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Tuesday Lunchtime

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Chess Club 5-6

Run by an external provider – Sydney Chess Academy – bookable direct, details below.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun, practice games with personal feedback from our qualified instructors. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving problems independently, or by displaying other valuable skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to achieve.

If your child is interested in taking part, register at:

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment> and enter the following code:

Enter Code: BH4X9ENKZR for Years 5-6 Tuesdays (12pm-12:30pm)

Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15pm (unless otherwise stated)

Truly Amazing Games 3-6 (Maximum 10 students) \$75 for the semester (two terms)

With a range of new games for 2024, students learn to play and enjoy some classic board and card games, including chess – coming to appreciate the nuances and subtleties of each game. They also have an opportunity to complete some puzzles, finishing off easier ones during the session or progressing onto a more difficult one each week.

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Ball Sports (AFL & Soccer) 3-6 (Maximum 20 students) \$75 for the semester (two terms)

Please note, students sign up for the semester and are expected to participate in activities for BOTH sports, across the two terms.

In Term One, the focus will be on developing AFL skills. Students will travel to Wentworth Park and back on the school bus where they can work on their handball, kicking and catching skills. It's a fantastic environment to play Australia's largest sport.

In term Two, the focus will be on developing soccer skills. Students will travel to Wentworth Park and back on the school bus where they can work on their dribbling, passing and shooting skills with our expert coaches. It's a fantastic environment to play the "beautiful game".

Students return to school for a 4:45pm collection/dismissal.

Art Club 5- 6 (Maximum 20 students) \$75 for the semester (two terms)

During Art Club students will learn about a variety of techniques and applications in Visual Art. Students will produce their own artworks over the term, inspired by various artists, bringing home plenty of artwork to decorate the house!

Chinese Vocab Builder Via Games 5-6 (Maximum 20 students) \$75 for the semester (two terms)

Does Fishtopia, Humans vs Zombies, Deceptive Dinos, Crypto Hack or Quizizz sound familiar to you? Join us so we can build our vocabulary together via these fun games! Our vocabulary list (not limit to class content) will be updated fortnightly. You will expand your Chinese vocabulary on a range of whole new topics! Additionally, you will improve your listening and reading skills. Let's unlock more game modes and expand our vocabulary!

Table Tennis 5-6 (Maximum 20 students) \$75 for the semester (two terms)

Come and learn on of the most popular sports in the world! You'll learn the fundamentals of Table Tennis doing drills and games, culminating in an end of term tournament! All equipment is provided.

LEGO First Robotics 5-6 (Maximum 12 students) \$110 for the semester (two terms)

Students work in teams of 4 to design, build and code a robot that meets the First Lego League Challenge requirements. Students who sign up to the robotics club in Term 1 are expected to commit and attend for the whole year, as teams will then have the opportunity to participate in the First Lego Robotic Challenges in Term 3 and Term 4. Students are encouraged to form their own teams before signing up if possible. No prior coding or robotics experience is required.

ASCA Accredited Speech Tutoring – Year 5 (Maximum 6 students per session) - \$600 for the semester (two terms). *Please note only 1 place available.*

We are pleased to be offering ASCA accredited tutoring to assist and develop students' public speaking skills. In these small groups of no more than six students, each child will be given focused mentoring and scaffolded, targeted assistance to build, hone and extend their confidence in public speaking.

The Australian Speech Communication Association (ASCA) is a leading public speaking organisation that promotes competence, rewards effort and encourages excellence. The ASCA syllabus allows students to grow their confidence in public speaking and performance. The ASCA programme runs over two semesters, and at the end of the second semester, students will undertake a graded oral exam by certified ASCA examiners allowing students to challenge themselves and progress onto the next graded level of the ASCA speech syllabus. Through ASCA, students learn to champion their ideas and voices and empower themselves and others through the power of public speaking.

NB: Please note that there are no partial refunds available should your child withdraw from the group before the end of each semester. Students must complete two semesters (four terms) of tutoring in order to undertake the ASCA exam at the end of 2024.

Wednesday 8:00 – 8:30am

Browse, Borrow & Read K-6

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Wednesday Lunchtime

Games, Craft & Colouring K-6 (no booking required)

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Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15pm (unless otherwise stated)

Code Camp Coding (Year 2-6) - This is run by an external provider. To book, please click on the below link:

Booking link: <https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/3391/signup>

After-School Code Camp allows kids to hone their coding skills and keep practising through weekly sessions over the term. Students will produce multiple games and apps using our exciting online platform Code Camp World. We have made Code Camp World as accessible as possible so students can truly focus on the fun aspects of coding and carry on their journey at home. Each week students will advance their problem-solving skills as they create a new mini-game.

Code Camp Design - Year 3-6 - This is run by an external provider. To book, please click on the below link:

Booking link: <https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/3425/signup>

Over 8 sessions students will discover design fundamentals, then experience the magic of fashion sketches, mood boards and patterns as they design a stunning three-piece fashion collection. They'll delve into the world of interior design learning about space, colour, lighting, and more before creating a floorplan for their dream house and redesigning their own bedroom. Students will also develop a brand identity for their fashion and interior brands and compile a portfolio to showcase their creations.

Dance Hip Hop and Jazz 3-6 (Maximum 10 students) – \$250 for the semester (two terms) - 4:45pm finish.

Elevate Performing Arts is thrilled to be extending their Senior School Dance Ensemble Program to cater to our Primary School Dancers. Classes for Years 3-6 will be held on Thursdays and will be comprised of a 1.5-hour session, covering Hip Hop + Theatre Jazz dance styles. The classes are open to all students and will be taught in a fun and inclusive way for everyone to enjoy, no matter their experience or ability.

Performance Opportunities

Throughout the year, Elevate will be working with our young dancers towards performing at a friendly school competition (for those who wish to be involved), later in the year. This will be a fun and exciting event for all our performers and their families, whether they have danced in the past or are new to dance.

More information regarding competition will be sent separately via email to parents/carers with students enrolled in Dance throughout the year.

Class Structure

3:15 - 4:00pm - warm up, Hip Hop exercises + routine

4:00 - 4:15pm - vocal warm up + singing

4:15 - 4:45 – Theatre Jazz exercises + routine

**Students attending dance classes after Chapel will be required to wear sports uniform to dance. Due to timing, Students change before Chapel and are not permitted to wear casual clothing during Chapel.*

ASCA Accredited Speech Tutoring – Year 5 (Maximum 6 students per session) - \$600 for the semester (two terms). ***Please note this is fully booked***

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Theatresports 5-6 (Maximum 20 students per session) \$75 for the semester (two terms)

Two options (Students MUST only attend one option): Wednesday or Friday 3:15-4:45pm

Starting with two simple words “Yes, and...” and moving onto formatted games, students learn how to improvise, listen, work as a team, collaborate on stories and expand their social skills, all while creating hilarious scenes from the simplest ideas. Theatresports also develops “soft skills” like confidence, leadership and empathy by encouraging students to recognise and trust their own and their fellow players contributions to the scene.

Students also have the chance to be selected to represent SACS in the Primary Theatresports Schools

Challenge in Term 4. But most of all, Theatresports is a ton of fun!

**Places for Theatre Sports do fill quickly! We do extend numbers where possible based on the waitlist. Please ensure you add your child to the [waitlist](#) should you not be able to book a spot.*

Squash 5-6 (Maximum 11 student) – \$75 for the semester (two terms)

The East Coast Squash Academy is offering an in schools squash program for St. Andrews Primary School. Held within a fun, competitive and professional environment, these classes are designed for children to build fundamental skills in squash. The Academy has delivered programs to over 26 schools across Sydney, working with over 500 players per week, ranging from beginners to elite athletes. **Students will be playing at Sydney Uni on Wednesday afternoons.**

Thursday 8:00 – 8:30am

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Thursday Lunchtime

Games, Craft & Colouring K-6 (no booking required)

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Thursday 3:15 – 4:15pm (unless otherwise stated)

Code Camp Minecraft Engineers 2-6 – (cost involved). This is run by an external provider. To book, please click on the below link:

Booking link: <https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/3426/signup>

At Minecraft Engineers, learn fundamental concepts of engineering and command-based programming while creating a new project each term including fully featured rollercoasters, spy headquarters and castles. Using Minecraft: Education Edition, students will add new technical elements to their projects using commands, and electrical circuits using Redstone and creative design that's only limited to their imagination.

Code Camp Coding 2-6 (cost involved). This is run by an external provider. To book, please click on the below link:

Booking link: <https://my.codecamp.com.au/course/3390/signup>

After-School Code Camp allows kids to hone their coding skills and keep practising through weekly sessions over the term!

Students will produce multiple games and apps using our exciting online platform Code Camp World! We have made Code Camp World as accessible as possible so students can truly focus on the fun aspects of coding and carry on their journey at home.

Each week students will choose the features they want to build and advance their problem-solving skills to build these features using code. They will take ownership over their projects and collaborate with their peers to make awesome apps!

Movie Maker Club 5-6 (Maximum 20 students) \$70 for the semester (two terms)

If you enjoy watching movies, talking about movies and learning about movies, then the Movie Maker Club is the place for you. Throughout the term, Mr Kirk will be screening movies, trailers and leading conversations about movies, and the craft of movie making. Get to know how to use Adobe Premiere Rush by creating ads and short movies.

Dodgeball 5-6 (Maximum 40 students) \$70 for the semester (two terms)

Come and learn the fundamental skills of the fun and frantic game of dodgeball! We will work on throwing, catching and dodging before applying them in small-sided games. The rooftop will be the epicentre of this engaging cocurricular!

Textiles 5-6 (Maximum 16 students) \$70 for the semester (two terms)

Come and learn to sew using our brand-new sewing machines! You'll learn how to actually operate a sewing machine, how to cut out a design and then how to sew your "piece" or garment. Capable sewers and beginners are very welcome.

Friday 8:00 – 8:30am

Book Club 5-6 (Maximum 15 students)

Book club is for students who love to read, love to share what they read with others and enjoy finding out what others have loved too.

Friday Lunchtime

Christian Fellowship Bible Blast Years 5-6 (unlimited numbers)

Friday lunchtimes are full of crazy games, curly questions, and life changing truths at Bible Blast in the Stage 3 Open Area. Whether you follow Jesus as your King or if you wonder what this whole 'Christian thing' is all about, everyone is welcome!

Friday 3:15 – 4:15pm (unless otherwise stated)

Theatresports 5-6 (Maximum 20 students per session) - \$70 for the semester (two terms) Two options (Students MUST only attend one option): Wednesday or Friday 3:15-4:45pm

Starting with two simple words "Yes, and..." and moving onto formatted games, students learn how to improvise, listen, work as a team, collaborate on stories and expand their social skills, all while creating hilarious scenes from the simplest ideas. Theatresports also develops "soft skills" like confidence, leadership and empathy by encouraging students to recognise and trust their own and their fellow players contributions to the scene.

Students also have the chance to be selected to represent SACS in the Primary Theatresports Schools

Challenge in Term 4. But most of all, Theatresports is a ton of fun!

**Places for Theatre Sports do fill quickly! We do extend numbers where possible based on the waitlist. Please ensure you add your child to the [waitlist](#) should you not be able to book a spot, initially.*

Makers Club 5-6 3:30 – 4:45pm (Maximum 12 students) \$70 for the semester (two terms)

Students will select an area of interest to learn new skills or design and create a personal interest project. Students can select to learn about creating and using animations, Product design and 3D-printing, app building, Scratch, python, making games, using microbits, or work with robots. Please note this is a one semester only activity.

F1 in Schools 5-6 3:30 – 4:45pm (Maximum 15 students) – \$100 for the semester (two terms). *Please note only 4 places available. Students registered in 2023 will be continuing (no booking required)*

F1 in Schools is an internationally run programme for students in Years 5-12. Selected students will have the opportunity to design and create a car to compete against other schools. This activity is hosted by our Senior School who have some amazing facilities and resources that they want to share. This programme would suit students interested in technology and engineering. Students will develop skills in an Industry used CAD program called Solidworks.

ISDA Debating 5-6 (12 students for the two teams) – \$70 for the semester (two terms) – Please note students have already been selected in Term 4 (2023) for this activity. *This will commence Friday 9 February due to the competition commencing on the 16 February 2024.*

We will be holding trials again in Term 4 (2024). Details will be sent in Term 4.

Train: Weekly, Friday afternoons

Time: From 3:30pm until the competition begins

Where: SAH Level 5

Comp: Most likely scheduled to finish at 6:30pm but possibly 6:45pm.

Information on the ISDA competition:

The ISDA competition is the most prestigious independent school debating competition in NSW. It consists of seven rounds of debating on Friday evenings; three of which are at SACS, and four of which will involve travelling to other independent schools. On evenings that SACS travels to other schools, the school will provide a mini-bus for students from SACS to the other school. Transport will not be provided at the end of the evening.

Based on how many debates a team wins, a team may break into the knock-out rounds. These will take place in Term 2. The format is that students receive the topic on the night and have 45 minutes [or 1 hour] to prepare their case, with the assistance of their coach. On odd weeks students receive a topic area they can research, e.g. HEALTH or INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS or LAW AND ORDER. Students are expected to follow the news to be aware of important debates and issues in these areas.

It is a competition that facilitates teamwork, the ability to think logically under pressure, and the ability to speak confidently in stressful situations. Every ISDA team will be coached by university level debaters. The format is that students receive the topic on the night and have under an hour to prepare their case with the assistance of their coach.

Music

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see below for the 2024 list of ensembles and rehearsal times for students wishing to participate in Junior Music ensembles.

To participate in an ensemble, students are required to undertake private lessons on an instrument appropriate to the type of ensemble they would like to join, however, the choirs are open to all students. To join any ensemble, students should simply attend the first rehearsal as listed over the page (with the exception of Junior Rock Band and Junior Chapel Band – see over).

Important notes

- i. Students who join an ensemble are expected to attend all rehearsals and be punctual, including early morning rehearsals. If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please email music@sacs.nsw.edu.au
- ii. Being part of an ensemble is an **annual commitment**. Unlike other co-curricular groups, ensembles remain set for the year. Students leaving an ensemble can impact the group and therefore the expectation is that once students begin an ensemble, they remain in that group for the year.
- iii. Students requiring **extension** in Years 5 or 6 will be given the opportunity by invitation to play in **Secondary School ensembles** (Middle School String Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, or Concert Band as appropriate). Please discuss with Mrs Robertson if you feel your child would benefit from the opportunity to audition from one of these.
- iv. Any extension ensemble participation would be in addition to participation in JS ensembles.

Please see over for a list of available options and to determine the most appropriate groups for your child.

PLEASE NOTE that if your child is already enrolled in instrumental lessons, ensembles or Music Craft, there is no need to fill in this form again as their enrolment rolls over from term-to-term and year-to-year.

Regarding private instrumental lessons:

If you do not wish to continue, withdrawal from lessons requires an email to music@sacs.nsw.edu.au and the music tutor, giving the required notice of withdrawal. For further information about instrumental tuition at SACS please refer to our Music Tuition brochure on the Parent Portal.

We trust this information will assist you in planning your child's Music ensemble participation for 2024.

Kind regards,
Kate Robertson
Head of Music (K-6)

Ensemble	Day	Time	Information
Junior Choir	Monday	7:40-8:25	Any student in Y3-6 able to commit to early arrival (by 7:40) on a Monday morning. Annual commitment.
Junior Concert Band	Monday	3:15-4:15	1 st grade AMEB or equivalent who learn clarinet, flute, oboe, French horn, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, bassoon or orchestral percussion. Must be able to read music (3-6). Annual commitment
Junior String Orchestra & Junior Intermediate Strings	Monday	3:15-4:15	Students who have private lessons on violin, viola, cello, double bass or harp and are above 1 st grade standard. Must be able to read music. Annual commitment
Junior Tuned Percussion Ensemble	Tuesday	7:40-8:25	Students in Years 4-6 who learn tuned percussion or piano. Not drum kit. Annual commitment
Junior Chapel Band (By audition only)	Tuesday	7:40-8:25	Years 5 and 6 - By audition only, to perform and accompany music in weekly Chapel services. Students learning guitar, bass guitar, voice, piano or drum kit may audition. Auditions will take place in Week 1, Term 1. Interested students should contact Mr Milis bmilis@sacs.nsw.edu.au by 5th February, 2024. Annual commitment
Junior Chamber Ensemble (By invitation only)	Wednesday	7:40-8:40	Students who are privately learning, and advanced in string instruments (Grade 4 and above). By invitation. Please contact krobertson@sacs.nsw.edu.au if your child learns their instrument externally and is at a level appropriate to this ensemble, to organise an audition. Annual commitment
Junior Training Strings	Wednesday	3:15-4:15	Beginners who learn violin, viola, cello, double bass or harp (K-6). Annual commitment
Music Maestros	Thursday	3:30-4:00	Performance opportunity for any students undertaking regular lessons. Not a weekly commitment. Please contact krobertson@sacs.nsw.edu.au to book in for a performance date.
Infants Choir	Thursday	7:40-8:25	Any student in K-2 able to commit to early arrival (by 7:40) on a Thursday morning. Annual commitment
Junior Rock Band Yr 5 & 6 (Auditioned with limited space)	Friday	3:15-4:15	Years 5 and 6 - By audition. Auditions will be held on the students' second Friday back. Please sign up for audition by emailing Mrs Robertson krobertson@sacs.nsw.edu.au by Monday 5 th Feb 2024. Annual commitment
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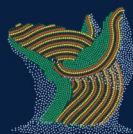
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