



WAIKATO DIOCESAN
School for Girls

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ARTS AND CULTURE

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Dio has a significant number of extra-curricular arts activities in which our students can be involved.

Current activities are:

Barbershop

Choir(s)

Culinary Art

Debating

Dance Group

Guitar Ensemble

Instrumental Groups

Junior Drama Club

Kapa Haka

Student Magazine 'Noise'

Performance Lessons

Jazz Band

Production

Shakespeare

String Group

Techy Angels

All Saints Worship Band

Orchestra

The Arts Administrator supports the teachers of curriculum arts subjects by organising a range of activities and trips, as well as arranging opportunities for students to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities.

Dio has a student Arts Council led by the Head of Arts (Arts Prefect) whose role it is to help organise and promote arts in the school. Activities organised by the council include the Arts Report presented in Assemblies, various Arts Days which present a variety of Arts to all students and Arts Awards.

House Singing is the main inter-house arts activity. Building up over the second half of Term 2, this culminates in an evening concert offsite near the end of Term 2. House Singing is a compulsory activity that the students participate in, with their allocated Houses. Each House sings one worship song and one song from a different genre each year. These songs are chosen, arranged and taught by the house leaders and their team of helpers.

A full school production takes place every year in some form. 2021 was the year of *Bring It On The Musical*, with cheerleaders taking over the Piki Mahuta Centre! Punk Rock collaborated with Shakespeare for 2023's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* pushing some thinking along the way. 2024 will have us bring the childhood classic *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* to live as a musical adaptation. All incoming year 9s can book an audition time (check your emails for details). The production will be opening on 6 April, with tickets on sale at the start of March. There are also excellent year level drama performances to be enjoyed from the classes studying drama as a curriculum subject throughout the year.

We have three established singing groups here at Dio - **Espresso Barbershop Chorus** sings four part a cappella harmony to some well known songs, and package it with costumes and choreography and have a lot of fun. They welcome any singers without an audition. **Cantiamo Chapel Choir** performs mostly sacred music as its primary focus is to serve the Chapel, although they also get to have fun and compete at The Big Sing every year in Tauranga. This is an all-comers choir so anyone who has a love of singing is welcome to join. With no auditions, Cantiamo Choir has a huge focus on serving the chapel and enjoyment of singing!

Bel Suono choir focuses mainly on high level singing and competitions. The prerequisite for entry into this choir is membership of the Chapel Choir (Cantiamo Choir). Entry into this choir is by audition in November 2023. They start 2024 with an intensive camp before school starts in Term 1. If you would like to audition this, please contact Mrs Maria Colvin ASAP mcolvin@wdschool.nz

Our Kapa Haka, named Te Kaahu Piihopatanga, uphold many school events such as poowhiri, whakatau, Chapel services, Matariki and many more. The year starts with a noho/ live-in before Term 1 starts. Incoming students are welcome to join for this noho - please email HoD Kaupapa Maori, Ms Faith Tautuhi ASAP on ftautuhi@wdsg.school.nz

NCEA Music performance evenings, Dance Showcase, High Achievers' Concert, and the Arts Showcase are great nights out which showcase both curriculum and extra-curricular arts.

Some fees are charged for the extra-curricular activities. They can range from competition fees to costume fees and transportation on trips. These are most often charged to the students' school accounts which are billed monthly. You will always be notified of these costs prior.

All extra-curricular activity information (Extra Curricular guide) will be on the Waikato Diocesan School for Girls main website (www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz) under Arts and Culture. There you will find all the information required to make informed decisions about the activities students wish to participate in. During the first few days of school students will be given the opportunity to register for arts and cultural groups at Arts Registration.

Optional performance lessons occur during school hours up to 3:20pm. Each lesson is 30 minutes in length. Students are expected to catch up on any work they miss by being out of class, and to give plenty of notice to their music tutor if they cannot leave class due to an assessment.

Fees are charged each term and reflect the current private market rates. Some instrument lessons are covered by the itinerant music scheme and are of no cost to the student. These spaces are limited and NCEA students are given preference. Sign ups for lessons are done on a separate form.