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Taiko Program

Taiko is an energetic performance art form played on traditional Japanese instruments by a team of drummers. Taiko combines powerful rhythms and dramatic choreography to express joyful energy, accessible and enjoyable to all. Taiko has as much in common with theatre, dance and martial arts as with a conventional percussion ensemble and is based on key principles that reach far beyond the drum, and provide learning for life.

Program Outline

Lessons are offered for students and parents of the college and feature the following:

• 1 hour weekly lesson with college Director of Percussion, Mr Sam Mitchell
• Lessons offered during school term, 10 per term on average
• Demonstration videos and other online resources provided through ‘The Learning Place’

• Workshops with industry professionals
• Performance opportunities at College Music Gala Concerts
• Cross curricula links to the Instrumental Music Program

Selection Criteria

• If you are a student, teacher, parent or guardian of the college you are eligible to join ‘Tanoshi Taiko’.
• You don’t need any prior musical experience to become a Taiko Master.

Good Taiko is truly holistic, with every fibre and every ounce of energy focused on performance. This is achieved by learning to do simple things well and by paying attention to every little detail of the performance. The benefits of this learning can be felt not only in your musical life, but across all aspects of your life.