



Students Achieve the Music Trifecta

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Music students at Townsville Grammar School have achieved the trifecta, with selections now confirmed for three significant Honours Ensemble Programs.

With 14 students selected for the State Honours Ensemble Program, a further two have been chosen for the National Honours Ensemble Program and two for the Pacific Honours Ensemble Program that will take place in Seattle, USA, in November. The Ensemble Programs are a partnership between Griffith University and the Conservatorium of Music.

Principal, Mr Timothy Kelly, said the Music Program is one of the hallmarks of the school's educational offerings.

"The Townsville Grammar School Music Program has been highly regarded for many years, and this is due to the work of our Director of Music, Mr Samuel Blanch, and his team of teachers and tutors," said Mr Kelly. "We are extremely fortunate to have Mr Blanch leading this program. He is an exceptionally talented and passionate educator with a depth of experience in performance and education, within Australia and overseas.

"Through Mr Blanch's connections, our students, and indeed students from schools throughout the city have been afforded some wonderful opportunities, such as the recent Queensland Youth Orchestra workshop hosted at our Music Centre on the holidays. Mr Blanch has been a key driver in connecting our school with external music organisations to give students these significant opportunities.

"In the past few years, Mr Blanch has been invited to perform in Vienna for the Salon Razumovsky, and has conducted choirs in both the Washington National Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. He has led Townsville Grammar School music tours to the United States, Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra. We are indeed very fortunate to have a musician of his caliber in our professional teaching community.

"Music and the Performing Arts are a key component of our Townsville Grammar School community and we are also very pleased to offer annual Music Scholarships"

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