## **Northern Territory Music School**

Brass Syllabus



	Theory	Practice	Technique	Tone	Expression	Pitch Range	Sight Reading	Aural	Improvisation	Performance
Conditions	Students demonstrate an understanding through correctly using content while playing repertoire appropriate to the level. Both English and American terminology to be taught.						Students are given up to 2 minutes to prepare for Sight Reading assessments.			
	1. Symbols & Terms:  Breath mark 7 Repeat  Stave Barline Final barline  Double barline	Identify the parts of the instrument.	Demonstrate an appropriate playing posture and hand/finger position, sitting and standing.	Demonstrate a good tone.	Observe breath marks.	1. Play all the following pitches:  Trumpet  Trombone/Euphonium	Clap or play rhythmic patterns (minimum 2 bars duration).	Differentiate between 'in tune' & 'out of tune' notes.	Improvise simple     melodic patterns (minimum     bars duration) using up     to 5 notes within the pitch     range while maintaining a     steady beat.	Play a familiar piece from memory.
BRASS	2. Rhythmic Concepts:	Demonstrate proper care of the instrument.	2. Demonstrate basic control of embouchure, diaphragm and abdominal muscles by playing an even sustained note for 6-8 seconds.		2. Produce dynamic variation.	2. Play one 5-note scale and 3 note arpeggio appropriate to the instrument.		2. Imitate rhythmic patterns (minimum 1 bar duration) incorporating:		2. Play or perform solo pieces.
LEVEL 1 - BR	3. Pitch Concepts: note names, bass clef (trombone)	3. Assemble the instrument correctly.	Demonstrate a basic embouchure.					3. Imitate melodic phrases (minimum 1 bar duration) where the starting note is given and using notes 1,2,3 of a pitch range.		3. Play or perform as part of an ensemble, maintaining steady rhythm.
		Be aware of the tuning mechanism of the instrument.	Demonstrate correct technique for tonguing.							Demonstrate     appropriate performance     behaviour.
		5. Explain a basic practice routine.								
		6. Identify strengths and areas to improve in own playing.								

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	1. Symbols & Terms:  1.  1.  D.C. al Fine  2.  Accent Staccato	Maintain proper care of the instrument.	Demonstrate improved posture and hand position.	1. Play an even, sustained	•	1. Play all the following pitches:  Trumpet  Trombone/Euphonium  1. Play all the following pitches:	Clap or play rhythmic patterns (minimum 4 bars duration) at a moderate tempo.	Understand the concepts of sharp and flat.	Improvise simple	Accurately play or
S	2. Rhythmic Concepts: anacrusis/pickup bar  3		2. Demonstrate appropriate embouchure for this level.	2. Be aware of own tone quality and how to improve it.	2. Demonstrate awareness of meter while playing.	2. Play major scales and arpeggios: Trumpet: C (one octave) G (one octave,split); Trombone: Bb (one octave), F (one octave, split).	Play single note melodies (minimum 4 bars duration) with recurring patterns or phrases.	2. Imitate rhythmic patterns (maximum 2 bars duration) incorporating:	improvising with accompaniment (pitched or unpitched).	2. Play & perform as part of an ensemble with an awareness of rhythmic , dynamic and textural balance.
LEVEL 2 - BRASS	3. Pitch Concepts:  ###################################	Demonstrate practice strategies for learning a short piece.	3. Demonstrate correct technique for tonguing, slurring, lip slurring, staccato & legato.	3. Demonstrate dynamic range from <i>p</i> to <i>f</i> .				3. Imitate melodic phrases (maximum 2 bars duration) where the starting note is given and the movement is by small intervals using notes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.		3. Demonstrate appropriate performance behaviour.
		4. Assess the melodic and rhythmic accuracy of own performance (solo or ensemble.)								4. Accurately follow conducting patterns, observing dynamic and tempo changes.

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	1. Symbols & Terms: Andante, Moderato, Allegro, Ritardando, Largo	Consistently use the tuning mechanisms of the instrument.	Demonstrate improved posture and hand position			1. Play all the following pitches:  Trumpet  Trombone/ Euphonium	Sight read a piece of music (minimum 8 bars duration) related to Level 1 theory.	Demonstrate the ability to hear intonation problems in own playing.	Improvise (minimum 8 bars duration) by embellishing on the melody and over a pentatonic scale.	Play and perform with and without accompaniment.
- BRASS	2. Rhythmic Concepts:	Demonstrate effective and appropriate practice strategies to solve technical problems.		Demonstrate consistent tone quality across the pitch range.	Observe tempo markings.	2. Play Major scales and arpeggios: Trumpet: D and Bb (one octave); Trombone: C (one octave)		2. Imitate rhythmic patterns (minimum 2 bars duration) incorporating:	2. Improvise (minimum 8 bars duration) using a pentatonic scale.	2. Play and perform as part of an ensemble, adapting to rhythmic, dynamic, and textural variation.
LEVEL 3	3. Pitch Concepts:	3. Assess the melodic and rhythmic accuracy of one's own playing and that of others.	3. Maintain correct articulation techniques and expand patterns and combinations i.e. slurred groups of notes, staccato and slurred, legato and slurred.		3. Identify and play phrasing using breath control and awareness of meter.	3. Play one harmonic minor scale and arpeggio appropriate to the instrument.		3. Imitate melodic phrases (minimum 2 bars duration) where the starting note is given and movement increasingly uses larger intervals up to a perfect 5th.	3. Demonstrate an awareness of phrasing and space while improvising.	3. Respond to increasingly complex conducting cues in ensemble playing.
						4. Play a pentatonic scale.		Recognise familiar time signatures in music.	4. Use contrasting rhythmic patterns in improvisation.	4. Maintain appropriate performance behaviour.

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	1. Symbols & Terms contained in repertoire: tenuto  pp ff  fp	Maintain consistent intonation throughout the range of the instrument.	Demonstrate     appropriate posture for all	1. Demonstrate consistent tone quality across the entire dynamic range, <i>pp</i> to <i>ff</i> .	Interpret and apply all	Play all the following pitches:	Sight read a piece of music (minimum 8 bars duration)		1. Improvise (minimum 16 bars duration) using a	Play or perform with and without accompaniment.
4 - BRASS	2. Rhythmic Concepts contained in repertoire (e.g. syncopation.)	Demonstrate strategies of a balanced practice routine.	Demonstrate an increasing ability to hear and correct intonation problems.	Demonstrate     stylistically appropriate     tone quality		2. Play major scales and arpeggios: Trumpet: G and A (one octave); Trombone: Ab (one octave), G (one octave).		2. Repeat rhythmic patterns including Level 3 rhythmic concepts e.g. syncopation; compound time rhythms.	2. Use repetition of phrases & commencement of phrases on a weak beat.	
TEVEL	3. Pitch and Harmony concepts contained in repertoire (e.g. key signatures.), chord tones; major and perfect intervals; tension and resolution (e.g. V-I).		4. Demonstrate extended articulation techniques appropriate to the instrument and style (e.g. double tonguing, triple tonguing, doodle tonguing).			3. Play three harmonic minor scales and arpeggios appropriate to the instrument.  4. Play a blues scale over		3. Recognise the following intervals of a Major scale: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.  4. Recognise major and	3. Recognise swung and straight rhythms.	3. Maintain appropriate performance behaviour (e.g. bowing; announcing the piece; maintaining silence before performance and between pieces).
						5. Play a chromatic scale over one octave.  over one octave.		minor scale qualities.		

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	Symbols & Terms contained in repertoire appropriate to this level (D.S. al coda, D.S. al fine, Coda, acciacatura, apoggiatura, trill).	Maintain consistent intonation throughout the range of the instrument and across all dynamic levels.	Maintain appropriate posture for all aspects of	Maintain tone quality throughout the range of the instrument and over all dynamic levels.	Apply own	Play all the following pitches:  Trumpet	1. Sight read a piece of music (12 - 16 bars duration) related to Level 3 theory while observing expressive markings and phrasing, including dynamics and articulation.		Improvise using appropriate techniques for styles (e.g. tone, articulation.)	Play or perform one or more works or single movements with accompaniment.
LEVEL 5 - BRASS		seek additional resources to improve playing.	Accurately demonstrate articulation patterns found in repertoire.	2. Demonstrate appropriate tone techniques (e.g. flutter tongue, growl, vibrato).	Apply appropriate stylistic expression to pieces encountered in repertoire (e.g. tone.)	2. Play major scales and arpeggios: Trumpet: Eb and F (one octave); Trombone: Db (one octave using F# enharmonic) and D (one octave using Db enharmonic).		Listen to a passage of music & identify the time signature	Apply appropriate scales to improvisations using a harmonic language of two or more scales.	2. Play and perform as part of an ensemble, adapting fluently to dynamic, textural and rhythmic variation.
	3. Pitch and harmony concepts contained in repertoire appropriate to this level.	3. Critically evaluate the musicality of one's own playing and that of others.	Demonstrate extended trills and embellishments as found in repertoire.			Play five harmonic minor scales and arpeggios suitable to the instrument		3. Recognise any interval of the Major scale and a minor third.	3. Improvise using appropriate rhythmic style, demonstrating variety in choice of rhythms and expression.	Maintain appropriate performance behaviour.
						Play chromatic scales over two octaves.		Recognise simple harmonic modulation (i.e. major to minor.)		