Northern Territory Music School

Woodwind Syllabus



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litions	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:		 Demonstrate an appropriate playing posture and hand/finger position, sitting and standing. 	1. Demonstrate a good tone.	1. Observe breath marks.	1. Play the following pitches: Flute Clarinet Alto Saxophone Pluto Saxophone	1. Clap or play rhythmic patterns (minimum 2 bars duration).	 Differentiate between 'in tune' & 'out of tune' notes. 	 Improvise simple melodic patterns (minimum 2 bars duration) using up to 5 notes within the pitch range while maintaining a steady beat. 	1. Play a familiar piece from memory.
	2. Rhythmic Concepts:	care of the instrument.	 Demonstrate basic control of embouchure, diaphragm and abdominal muscles by playing an even, sustained note for 6- 8 seconds. 		variation.	 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.
	3. Pitch Concepts: note names 9:	instrument correctly.	3. 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.		 Play or perform as part of an ensemble, maintaining steady rhythm.
		 Be aware of the tuning mechanism of the instrument. Explain a basic practice routine. 	4. Demonstrate correct technique for tonguing.							4. Demonstrate appropriate performance behaviour.
		 Identify strengths and areas to improve in own playing. 								

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		1. Maintain proper care of the instrument.	1. Demonstrate improved posture and hand position for fingering.	note for 8 - 10 seconds.	dynamic and articulation markings while playing.	1. Play the following pitches: Flute Flute Clarinet Clarinet Alto Saxophone Flute Clarinet Clarine	1. Clap or play rhythmic patterns (minimum 4 bars duration) at a moderate tempo.	1. Understand the concepts of sharp and flat.		 Accurately play or perform solo pieces.
. 2 - WOODWIND	2. Rhythmic Concepts: anacrusis/pickup bar 3 J. J. J.	 Use the tuning mechanisms of the instrument to tune to a given pitch. 		quality and how to improve	2. Demonstrate awareness of meter while playing.	2. Play Major scales and arpeggios: Flute: Bb and F (one octave); Clarinet: F and G (one octave); Sax: F and G (one octave); Bassoon: Bb and G (one ocative).			awareness of beat while	 Play & perform as part of an ensemble with an awareness of rhythmic, dynamic and textural balance.
LEVEL 2		 Demonstrate practice strategies for learning a short piece. 	 Demonstrate correct technique for tonguing, slurring, staccato & legato. 	 Demonstrate dynamic range from p to f. 				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.
		 Assess the melodic and rhythmic accuracy of own performance (solo or ensemble.) 								 Accurately follow conducting patterns, observing dynamic and tempo changes.

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1. Symbols & Terms:	1. Consider different reed strengths when selecting reeds for playing (clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon)	1. Demonstrate improved posture and hand position	1. Demonstrate consistent tone quality across the		1. Play the following pitches:	1. Sight read a piece of music (minimum 8 bars duration) of a Level 1 standard.	1. Imitate rhythmic patterns incorporating:	 Improvise using given notes. 	1. Play and perform with and without accompaniment.
2. Rhythmic Concepts:	2. Consistently use the tuning mechanisms of the instrument.		 Demonstrate consistent tone quality across the pitch range. 	2. Observe tempo markings.	2. Play Major scales and arpeggios: Flute: Eb, C and Dm (one octave); Clarinet: F and G (two octaves), C and D (one octave); Sax: D (one octave), C (two octaves); Bassoon: F and C (one octave).		 Imitate melodic phrases where the starting note is given. 	 Demonstrate an awareness of meter and phrasing. 	2. Play and perform as part of an ensemble.
	3. Demonstrate effective and appropriate practice strategies to solve technical problems.	3. Maintain correct articulation techniques and expand patterns and combinations i.e. slurred groups of notes, staccato and slurred, legato and slurred.		 Identify and play phrasing using breath control and awareness of meter. 	3. Play one harmonic minor scale and arpeggio appropriate to the instrument.				3. Respond to conducting cues in ensemble playing.
		 Demonstrate the ability to hear intonation problems in own playing. 			4. Play a pentatonic scale				 Maintain appropriate performance behaviour.

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		 Maintain consistent intonation throughout the range of the instrument. 	1. Demonstrate appropriate posture for all aspects of the instrument.		1. Interpret and apply all symbols and terms	1. Play the following pitches:	1. Sight read a piece of music (minimum 8 bars duration) at a Level 2 standard.	1. Imitate melodic phrases given starting note.	1. Improvise using given notes.	1. Play or perform with and without accompaniment.
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LEVEL 4 - WOODWIND	2. Rhythmic Concepts contained in repertoire (e.g. syncopation.)	2. Demonstrate strategies of a balanced practice routine.	 Demonstrate an increasing ability to correct intonation problems. 	 Develop an awareness of changes in tone quality that can be produced for different styles of music (e.g. vibrato). 		2. Play Major scales and arpeggios: Flute: Eb, C and D (two octaves), G and A (one octave); Clarinet: C, Bb and A (two octaves), Eb (one octave); Sax: Bb and A (one octave), Eb and D (two octaves); Bassoon: Eb and D (one octave).		following intervals of a Major scale: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.	 Improvise using an awareness of meter and phrasing. 	2. Play and perform as part of an ensemble.
9	3. Pitch and Harmony concepts contained in repertoire (e.g. key signatures.)	 Assess the melodic, rhythmic and expressive accuracy of one's own playing and that of others. 	3. Maintain correct articulation techniques and expanded patterns and combinations.			3. Play three harmonic minor scales and arpeggios appropriate to the instrument.		 Recognise major and minor scale qualities. 		 Maintain appropriate performance behaviour.
			 Demonstrate extended articulation techniques appropriate to the instrument. Demonstrate/play trills or use correct trilling 			 4. Play a blues scale over one octave. 5. Play a chromatic scale over one octave. 	-			
			technique found in repertoire.							

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	1. Symbols & Terms contained in repertoire appropriate to this level. Marcato	 Show self motivation with practice routines and seeking additional resources to improve playing. 	 Maintain appropriate posture for all aspects of the instrument. 	 Maintain tone quality throughout the range of the instrument and over all dynamic levels. 	1. Apply own	1. Play the following pitches: Flute Clarinet Alto Charlen Alto Cha	1. Sight read a piece of music (12 - 16 bars duration) at a Level 3 standard.	1. Imitate melodic phrases.	 Improvise using appropriate techniques for styles (e.g. tone, articulation.) 	1. Play and perform as part of an ensemble.
5 - WOODWIND	2. Rhythmic concepts contained in repertoire appropriate to this level.	 Critically evaluate the musicality of one's own playing and that of others. 	2. Accurately demonstrate articulation patterns found in repertoire.	2. Demonstrate appropriate tone techniques (e.g. flutter tonguing, vibrato.)	2. Apply appropriate stylistic expression to pieces encountered in repertoire (e.g. tone.)	2. Play Major scales and arpeggios: Flute: Ab (one octave) and E (two octaves); Clarinet: Ab and E (two octaves); Sax: Ab (one octave) and E (two octaves); Bassoon: C and F (two octaves).		2. Recognise and sing any interval of the Major scale starting from the tonic.	2. Apply appropriate scales/chords to improvisations.	2. Maintain appropriate performance behaviour.
LEVEL 5	 Pitch and harmony concepts contained in repertoire appropriate to this level. 		3. Demonstrate extended trills and embellishments as found in repertoire.			3. Play five harmonic minor scales and arpeggios suitable for the instrument.			3. Improvise using appropriate rhythmic style.	
			 Demonstrate an ability to correct and adjust intonation according to the tendencies of the instrument. 			4. Play chromatic scales over two octaves, starting on an appropriate note.				

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