

## **GLENROY SPECIALIST SCHOOL SHOWCASE PRESENTATION**

### **Band Performance: Slice of Heaven.**

- Vocalists – Luke Holford, Leisa Timoteo
- Banana Keyboard – Elise Sawan
- Bass Drum – Justin Swift
- Electronic drum kit and solo's – Kurt Cabanilla
- Guitar - Jacqui Greaves

Glenroy Specialist School band provides opportunity for our senior students to engage in typical teenage activities. The aim is to remove the barriers that exist when a student cannot physically pick up an instrument to play independently. A variety of adapted instruments are used, which enables band members to participate to their fullest potential.

### **Introduction**

Glenroy Specialist School (GSS) is a State Government School which caters for 160 students (aged between 5 – 18 yrs) with significant physical and/or health impairments. The majority of the students have cerebral palsy and many have additional health needs. Some students are integrated part time into main steam schools. GSS currently shares building facilities with Yooralla Therapy Services and contracts Yooralla to provide therapy services for physio, speech and occupational therapy. Additionally, 3 part time music therapists, who also have teaching qualifications, are employed by the school.

The organisation of GSS is based around 3 sub schools: Junior, Middle and Senior. Each Sub School has a curriculum theme for each term, which is integrated into the art and music sessions. All art and music specialists work across the sub schools.

### **Art Presentation**

GSS employs 3 part-time art teachers and 1 full-time aide. Each student attends one group art session per week. Throughout the year students participate in a program experiencing a wide range of projects including media, textiles, painting, collage, clay, construction, mod-rock, mask making and puppetry. Some programs have a higher sensory focus depending on the needs of the students.

### **Sensory Art**

- hand massage
- foot massage
- ice painting
- shaving cream
- under the sea
- spaghetti
- fun with fur
- textiles
- plaster casting
- free exploration

## **Modifications to tools and equipment**

- board scissors
- neoprene strap
- kitchen utensils
- mouth painting

## **Switch and adapted sewing machine**

- feel the vibrations
- remote controlled switch
- head switch
- foot pedal
- finished doll

## **Experimenting with other media**

- wood work (1)
- wood work (2)
- clay (1)
- clay (2)
- silk paper
- construction
- puppets
- modrock masks

## **Projects and initiatives**

- chinese dragon
- commissioned art
- Royal Melbourne show (1)
- Royal Melbourne show (2)
- EPA banner
- Book week
- Art Show
- AHLAM

## **Music Presentation**

1 full time music teacher, 3 part time music therapists and 1 full time aide are employed by Glenroy Specialist School. All students either have a music or music therapy session within their class groupings. Additional groups include 2 choirs (junior and senior) and a school band.

Generally the main focus for the music teacher is on teaching music skills and developing music education across the school. The main focus for the music therapist is to use music to engage students to help facilitate their individual priority learning goals. The music therapists mainly work with the students who have the highest physical and health needs. Many of the students are non verbal and music therapy provides unique opportunities for these students to communicate and express themselves non-verbally. Some time is set aside for individual music therapy sessions, either for students who have difficulty engaging in group music therapy activities or to provide opportunities 1:1 engagement and expression.

The music teacher and music therapists work together as part of a trans-disciplinary team which means that our roles often overlap as we work towards achieving priority goals for each student. .

### **Music teaching**

- music education
- teaching music skills

### **Music therapy**

- Priority Goals
- Individual Music Therapy
- Music Therapy Students: Melbourne University

### **Special Events**

- CD Launch
- Music Play for Life Campaign
- Music Festival
- ABC Concerts
- Special Performers

### **Music in the community**

- Combined Regional School Rehearsals
- Banana Keyboard Launch
- Spotlight on Youth Arts Northern Region: Concert Hall
- Aged Care
- Joining the Chorus
- Windows on the West
- Make a Wish
- Melbourne's Biggest Cake
- Awakenings Festival