

YEAR 12 MUSIC 1

AURAL EXAM

EXAMINATION

- The Aural exam has FOUR questions
- Each question is related to an excerpt of music which is played four, five or six times.
- The examination lasts approximately ONE hour. The timing is controlled by the CD of excerpts being used. [Each question has approximately 15 minutes in which to provide your answer. Comparison questions between two pieces of music usually have less playing times for each excerpt].
- There is a 5 minute reading time before the examination starts. Writing is NOT allowed during the reading time.
- The excerpts of music used in the examination can be from any genre or any period or any country in the world.
- ALL questions require a thorough knowledge of the music components found in the Music 1 syllabus (and studied in class).
- Make sure you understand any music terminology you use in the answer, or use plain English to answer your question.

PREPARATION IDEAS

- Revise the music components by using the component cards.
- Revise each component by reviewing work found in Senior Texts. (e.g. *Musical Concepts: Music 1 Aural Skills* – Helene Gallettis; *The Concepts of Music* – Nick Peterson)
- Read through past question/answers of class exercises and aural exams.
- Practise the Music 1 requirements by answering past questions or past examinations that you haven't already looked at.
- Listen to any selection of music and ask your own question using the music components. [Vary the type of music you listen to; go out of your comfort zone and listen to music you would not normally hear.]
- Attend any extra tutorials or practises for this type of examination.