A large number of the students enrolled at Eltham High School are involved in the music program – one that enjoys a high profile within the school and wider community.

The instrumental program is very active with instrumental music staff providing lessons on brass, woodwind and percussion. An After School Program offers guitar, violin, drum kit and pianoforte lessons. Internal assessments are held each semester to monitor student progress. Many students also undertake AMEB examinations, a practice staff encourage as it gives the students an additional goal for their playing aside from the ensemble participation.

Eltham High School offers a variety of ensembles for students – Training, Intermediate, Concert and Symphonic Wind Bands, Jazz Band, Stage Band, Clarinet Choir and Flute, Percussion, Saxophone, String and Guitar Ensembles as well as the vocal Choir - participating in school and community performances throughout the year as well as festivals, eisteddfods and State and Government engagements.

Under the umbrella of our program, some of our local primary schools offer instrumental lessons with many of these students participating in the Combined Primary School Band.

The school also enjoys a vibrant classroom music program. Introduced in year seven, the Music Technology Laboratory allows students to develop their skills in composition, creativity and aural development and continues through to the opportunity of VCE music studies in performance and styles.

We consider the music program at Eltham High School very special. The students develop a strong sense of unity within the ensembles they participate in and strive to give the best they can to that ensemble. Through the encouragement of the music staff and the strong sense of commitment the students develop, the program is one that will certainly continue to grow, achieve and inspire.