



# GEELONG CONCERT BAND

## WORKSHOP BAND INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

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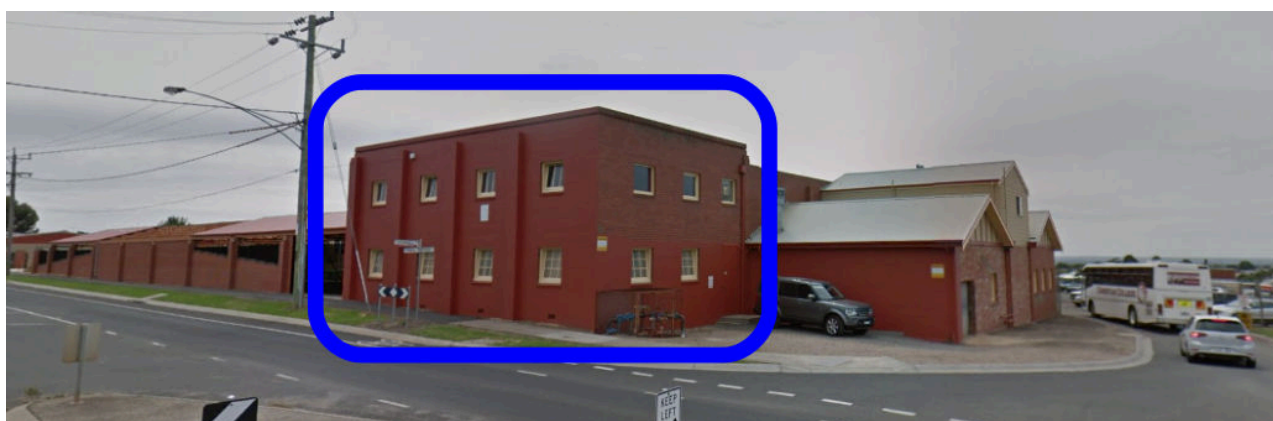
### ABOUT WORKSHOP BAND

Workshop Band is where it all starts – no musical experience needed! Members of Workshop Band will:

- Experience the joy of learning and playing music with others in a fun, safe, and supportive environment.
- Learn how to play an instrument and how to read music, and develop related musicianship skills, through guided instrumental tuition.
- Develop ensemble skills through the experience of playing in a band.

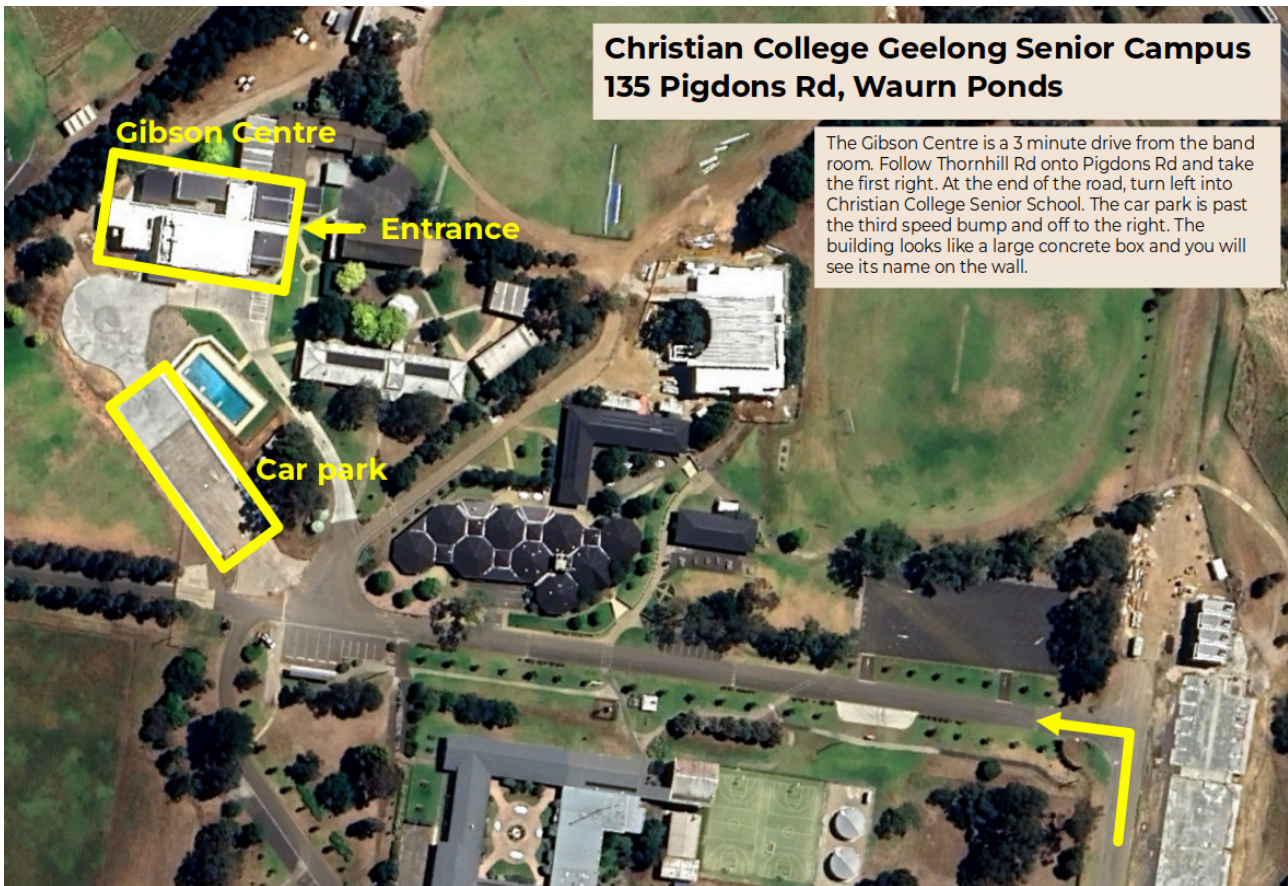
### REHEARSALS

Workshop Band rehearsals normally consist of a 45-minute instrument group tutorial led by an experienced tutor, followed by a 45-minute full-band session. The band rehearses from 4:30–6:00 pm on Friday nights during school terms at Christian College Middle School, Thornhill Rd, Highton. The band room is in the back corner of the campus, opposite Basin Rise. Enter the car park off Thornhill Rd. Regular attendance at rehearsals is expected.



## CONCERTS

Geelong Concert Band performs publicly at least once per term. Our main concert venue is the R. W. Gibson Centre for Music Performance at Christian College Senior School, Pigdons Rd, Waurn Ponds. We also perform at various other venues around Geelong.



## UNIFORM

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- White long-sleeve collared shirt
- Black slacks (*no jeans*) and black socks, or ankle-length black skirt and black stockings
- Black shoes (*no sneakers*)
- Red band jumper – loaned to you at no charge
- Black or red hair accessories only

## INSTRUMENTS

Concert band music is played by brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments as well as bass guitar. There are no bowed instruments (like violin or cello), guitars (except bass guitar), or keyboards. All band members (except percussionists) must have their own instrument to play. Geelong Concert Band has a number of instruments available for hire (contact us for current availability). We are also happy to offer advice if you wish to purchase your own instrument.

The hire fee for all instruments is \$75 per term, which covers the cost of insurance and routine servicing. We want to ensure that everyone can experience the joy of music and recognise that the hire fee could be a barrier to participation. Requests for reduced hire fees will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

1. Complete the online membership form: <https://tinyurl.com/gcbmembershipform>
2. If you are over 18, complete the Child Safety form: <https://tinyurl.com/gcbchildsafety>  
You *must* hold a current Working with Children Check (WWCC). (VIT-registered teachers and Victoria Police/AFP officers are exempt.) If you do not have a current WWCC, complete the online application (Volunteer) at <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

## FEES

The fee for Workshop Band is \$112 per term, which includes band membership and tuition fees. Fees are due by the third rehearsal of each term and should be paid directly into the band bank account:

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Parents please clearly indicate your child's name.

## LEAVE/RESIGNATION

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## CONTACT

Don't hesitate to contact Grace or Christian if you have any queries.

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Christian Biscombe  
President  
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## COMMUNITY BAND INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

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### ABOUT COMMUNITY BAND

Members of Community Band will:

- Experience a sense of belonging and community through sharing their love of music and having fun together.
- Be challenged to consolidate and improve their musicianship skills, creating a feeling of accomplishment and providing a pathway to more advanced musical pursuits (including Senior Band).
- Perform a variety of music, with a particular focus on engagement with the wider Geelong community.

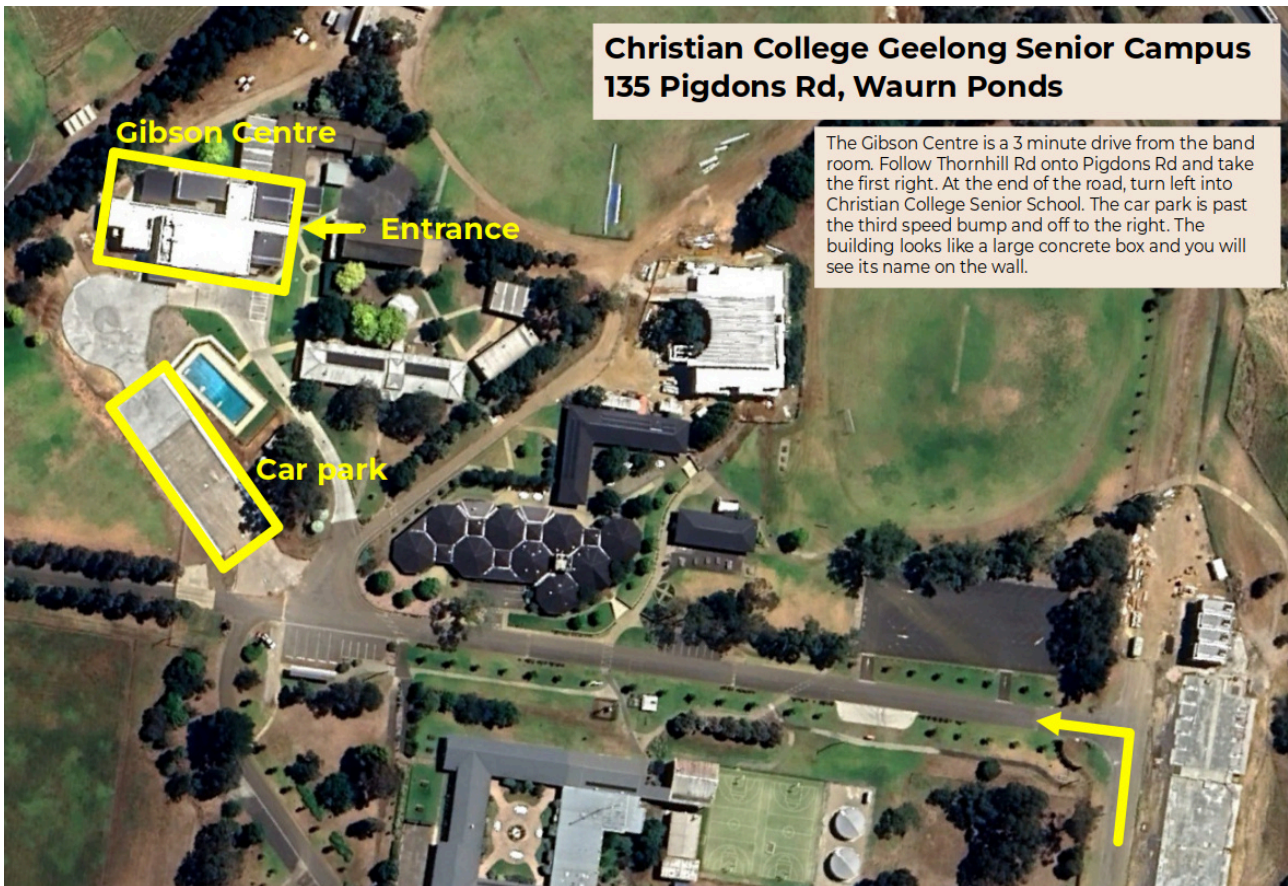
### REHEARSALS

Community Band rehearses from 6:00–8:00 pm on Friday nights during school terms at Christian College Middle School, Thornhill Rd, Highton. The band room is in the back corner of the campus, opposite Basin Rise. Enter the car park off Thornhill Rd. All you need to bring is your instrument. Regular attendance at rehearsals is expected.



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## FEES

The fee for Community Band is \$54 per term. Fees are due by the third rehearsal of each term and should be paid directly into the band bank account:

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## CONTACT

Don't hesitate to contact Jen or Christian if you have any queries.

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## SENIOR BAND INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

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### ABOUT SENIOR BAND

Members of Senior Band will:

- Strive for excellence and continuous improvement in individual and collective musicianship skills through the performance of challenging repertoire.
- Enjoy opportunities for ambitious public performances in a variety of contexts and settings, including world-class venues.
- Act as role models to inspire the pursuit of music, particularly participation in community music.

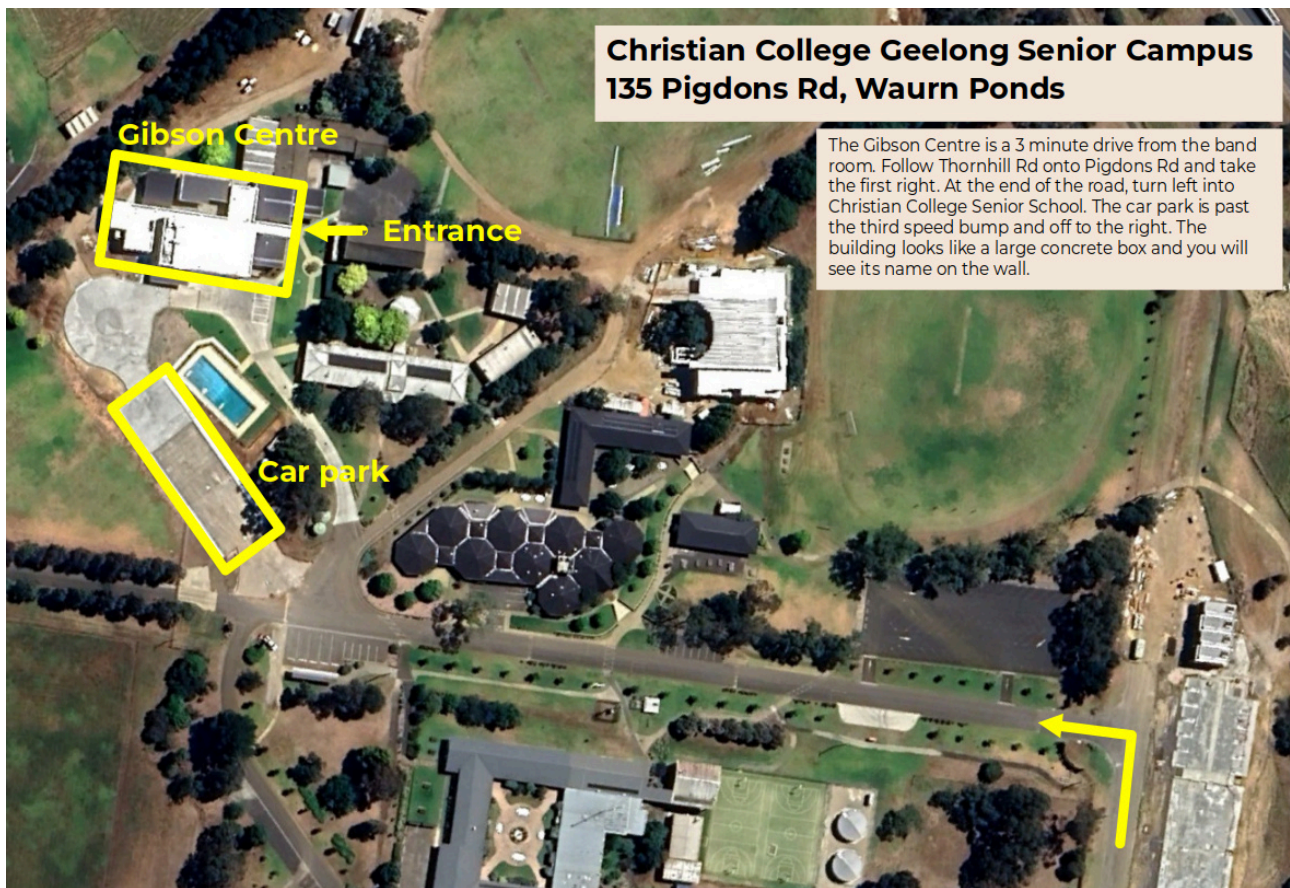
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## AUDITIONS

Entry to Senior Band is by audition, which involves preparation of two contrasting pieces (own choice) and completion of a short sight-reading task. Players should be at AMEB Grade 6 or above. Auditions are normally held in the band room at 7:45 pm on a Friday night (just before Senior Band starts). All going well, you are then able to join in with the rehearsal afterwards. Contact Shannon to arrange an audition.

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