




Hong Kong Adventist College

# MUSIC PROGRAMME

# PROSPECTUS

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Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among  
yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

**EPHESIANS 5:19**



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# WHY STUDY MUSIC AT HKAC?

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## INDIVIDUALISED TEACHING

As a student, you will receive one-on-one teaching to reach your full potential.

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## MERIT-BASED PROGRESSION

Your individual ability determines how fast you progress with no rigid program - so chart your own bespoke course.

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## LEARN WITH DISTINGUISHED MASTERS

Our experienced, dedicated teachers will share their musical talents and experiences with you.

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## INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED

Receive an accredited diploma which opens doors internationally.

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## PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

You will get opportunities to perform in various venues and competition platforms, to hone your craft.

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## GLOBAL COLLABORATIONS

Together with partner institutions, you can enjoy musical exchange programs and cross-cultural learning.

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## INSPIRING LOCATION

Live and create in vibrant Hong Kong, a creative and performing arts capital in Asia.

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## DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION

HKAC enjoys a cosmopolitan atmosphere with staff and students from more than 20 countries around the world.

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## PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Make lifelong friends and important networking contacts in the music sphere.

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## LIFELONG LEARNING

There is no age limit to study at HKAC - the only limit is your own passion!



# WELCOME



**Dr. Daniel Cheung, President, Hong Kong Adventist College**  
*PhD, CFP, ChFC, CASL, RICP*

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Welcome to Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC), a Christian college owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1903. The college was relocated to this scenic Clear Water Bay campus in 1939.

Music education has been one of the main focuses of HKAC over the years. We believe music can build skills, develop character, and shape our lives for the better. Our goal is to nurture in our students musical talent which produces lifelong enjoyment, through opportunities for students to learn and

engage in music. We are very excited that HKAC is offering a number of quality music programmes, including vocal and piano studies. These not only provide students musical training but foster students' artistic and performing talents that will enrich their lives far beyond their college years.

I invite you to apply to HKAC and trust you will be blessed in your studies here.



**Rena Phua, Music Director, Hong Kong Adventist College**  
*MMus, BMus(Hons), LRAM, LRSM, ARCM, LTCL*

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Welcome prospective students!

It is my privilege to direct and design the Music Programme at Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC). I have had more than 45 years of music teaching experience, educating and developing young pianists. Over this time, I have discovered and developed many students into world class musicians, leaders, and creators. Many have become music educators themselves. I find it most important to inspire and instil the lifelong love of music.

Through my many years of public performing and teaching internationally, I have gathered tremendous experience to guide those who have the passion and love for music. This God-given gift is different for each person - some are better with their ears, some are better with their eyes, some are better with their touch. I am able to tailor different pedagogical approaches to help my students gain confidence and achieve their goals efficiently.

It is thus my wish that our music students are serious in their musical expression, that they always strive to make music from their hearts, and the beautiful tones they produce would touch souls.

To be able to make music in the serene and peaceful environment of HKAC in Clear Water Bay is truly a blessing. With the clear air and scenic views, one is inspired and motivated to make beautiful music. Students also have many opportunities to interact with fellow classmates for group music-making endeavours. They will learn to self-evaluate and be self-critical in a constructive manner, encouraging and motivating them in this holistic learning environment.

With the disciplined, individualised training at HKAC, I am confident that you as a future student will achieve success and excel in the music sphere!

HKAC is located on the lush hills overlooking Clear Water Bay, on the eastern shore of Hong Kong. The picturesque beach views and fresh greenery provide a stark contrast and sanctuary from the busy streets and cramped corners of downtown Hong Kong.

## CLEAR WATER BAY

Clear Water Bay peninsula boasts two beaches, each with lifeguards, changing rooms, lockers, showers and rafts. The beach is a walking distance from HKAC.

## TSEUNG KWAN O

Nicknamed 'TKO', Tseung Kwan O MTR station is a short minibus ride away. Popcorn and Tseung Kwan O Plaza are shopping centres linked to the station, with a cinema and many food and dining options.

## TSEUNG KWAN O PROMENADE

Near TKO is a beautiful seafront area where you can run, cycle, fish, and take part in watersports such as dragonboat. It's also popular with dog-owners.

## HIGH JUNK PEAK

One of the '3 Sharp Summits' of Hong Kong, High Junk Peak offers expansive views of Clear Water Bay and TKO. It offers an exciting hiking opportunity for adventurers.









# CAMPUS & ACCOMMODATION

Hong Kong Adventist College boasts a historical campus built in the 1930s, and also provides room and board for students who have the need to stay on campus. Our dormitory consists of 230 beds in air-conditioned rooms.



*Top, left: Graceful arches of the Administrative building  
Top, right: The student dormitories  
Above, left: Sports facilities include basketball and soccer fields  
Above, right: A peek inside a student room - cosy room with a view  
Left: A wide open stairwell links different levels of classrooms  
Bottom: The campus in Spring is a burst of colour and cool weather*









# STUDENT LIFE & SUPPORT

Hong Kong Adventist College provides a wide range of student services to help you in your time here.



## STUDENT SERVICES

We offer free and confidential advice and help to all students no matter what issue you may face - such as financial worries, personal issues, and more.

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The holistic health of students are of utmost importance. An onsite Chaplain provides spiritual and emotional support to navigate your study.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

We encourage a wide range of interests outside of your course of study. HKAC has a vibrant calendar of activities including sports meets, clubs, and the chance to join the yearly Mission Trip overseas.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students make up half of our student body. We understand it is challenging to move and adapt to life in a new country. We commit to supporting international students in many issues like visas and accommodation, financial advice, or even just settling into life in Hong Kong.







The Music Programme at HKAC offers 16 tailor-made professional diplomas which you can enrol in. These are at varying levels dependent on your individual abilities; concurrent diplomas can also be undertaken in consultation with the Programme Director.

## OVERVIEW

There are 3 main groups of academic achievements available for study at HKAC:

**HKAC  
Piano Certificate  
Programme**

**ABRSM  
Performance /  
Teaching  
Diploma**

**TCL  
Performance /  
Teaching  
Diploma**

## STUDY TERMS

Lessons will be taught in 3 terms each year -

**Fall Term:** September to November (13 Weeks)

**Spring Term:** January to March (13 Weeks)

**Summer Term:** May to July (13 Weeks)

## HKAC PIANO CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

Students will be trained according to the music syllabi developed for the ABRSM Graded Practical Exams: Grades 1–8. These progressive grade exams provide an objective assessment of students' skills and progress. Students are assessed one-to-one by a professional, granting recognition of achievement.

The following skills are tested: Performance skills (through the set exam pieces); Technical skills (through the Scales & Arpeggios); Notation skills (through the Sight Reading Tests) and Listening skills & Musical Perception (through the Aural tests).

**Levels of Award (in increasing standard):**

**Level 1 (Elementary) Certificate** - Completing Grades 1-3 and passing Grade 3 Practical Exam

**Level 2 (Intermediate) Certificate** - Completing Grades 4-5 and passing Grade 5 Practical & Theory Exam

**Level 3 (Advanced) Certificate** - Completing Grades 6-8 and passing Grade 8 Practical & Theory Exam

**Program Components:**

- Weekly lessons consist of 1 individual and 1 group lesson.
- Students of Elementary Level have 13 individual practical lessons and 4 aural lessons per term.
- Intermediate and Advanced Levels have 13 individual practical and 13 group theory lessons per term.
- Diploma students have 11 individual practical lessons, 4 viva voce & program notes, and 2 performance classes.

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Professional Performance / Teaching Diplomas are offered by two main bodies: The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM), and Trinity College London.

## ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC (ABRSM)

The ABRSM provides a globally recognised systematic assessment framework with two main tracks - professional performance and teaching.

### Professional Performance Diplomas

This track focuses on performance technique and interpretative skill coupled with an appropriate knowledge of the idiom and repertoire of the piano.

*Levels of Award (in increasing standard)*

- ARSM** - Associate of the Royal Schools of Music
- DipABRSM** - Diploma of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music
- LRSM** - Licentiate of the Royal Schools of Music
- FRSM** - Fellow of the Royal Schools of Music

### Professional Teaching Diplomas

This track is for students who are intending to take up or have already started teaching a musical instrument. The focus is on the teaching of music as a practical activity.

*Levels of Award (in increasing standard)*

- DipABRSM** - Diploma of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music
- LRSM** - Licentiate of the Royal Schools of Music
- FRSM** - Fellow of the Royal Schools of Music





## TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON

Trinity College London is an international exam board and independent education charity providing assessments globally in communicative and performance skills including music.

### Professional Performance Diplomas

Similar to the ABRSM performance diplomas, these qualifications focus on performance and interpretive skill.

*Levels of Award (in increasing standard)*

**ATCL Recital** - Associate of Trinity College, London

**LTCL Recital** - Licentiate of Trinity College, London

**FTCL Recital** - Fellow of Trinity College, London

### Instrumental Teaching Diplomas

This track is for students who are intending to take up or have already started teaching a musical instrument. The focus is on the teaching of music as a practical activity.

*Levels of Award (in increasing standard)*

**ATCL Teaching** - Associate of Trinity College, London

**LTCL Teaching** - Licentiate of Trinity College, London

**FTCL Teaching** - Fellow of Trinity College, London

## QUALIFICATION EQUIVALENTS

According to the UK National Qualifications Framework (NQF), the following qualifications compare as such:

ABRSM	Trinity	NQF Comparison
DipABRSM	ATCL	1st year Bachelor degree or Certificate of Higher Education
LRSB	LTCL	Bachelor degree
FRSM	FTCL	Master's degree or Postgraduate qualification

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Your chosen course will include Musicianship Practice, encompassing Keyboard Harmony, Improvisation, Aural and Theoretical Studies. You will receive Aural classes conducted specifically to train and develop aural perception, and take part in Graded Practical Exams and be guided in writing academic research papers. In addition, you will be trained to reflect verbally on what you have learned. Excitingly, you will be able to participate in Music Festivals, concerts, and competitions to hone your craft and develop your performing abilities.







# APPLICATIONS

Applications should be undertaken in discussion with the Programme Director to determine the best diploma for your level and qualifications. Please email enquiries about the music programme to:  
*[music@hkac.edu](mailto:music@hkac.edu)*





# FEES & FUNDING

Tuition fees and financial assistance schemes including scholarships are revised frequently, so please check our website or email us for the latest information. As a guide, key fees for 2019-2020 were:

## TUITION / ACCOMMODATION FEES

Item	Fees per year
Elementary Certificate	HKD 21,060
Intermediate Certificate	HKD 23,400
Advanced Certificate	HKD 28,080
Diploma	HKD 42,120
Room & Board	HKD 43,560 (5-day) or 57,510 (7-day)

## SCHOLARSHIPS / FINANCIAL AID

The College welcomes any student who wishes to integrate the world of knowledge with the realities of Christian living. Subject to available space, an individual with the necessary academic background, financial resources, and character references and who is willing to accept the policies of the College as well as to adjust to its philosophical, religious, social, and cultural atmosphere may be admitted to the academic programs. Hong Kong Adventist College accepts each qualified individual without discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, language, color, national origin, or religion. Disabled applicants may be accommodated provided the courses applied for are those, which the applicants are physically able to cope with.

### Chan Shun Scholarship

The Chan Shun Scholarship is awarded for academic excellence. A scholarship of HK\$1,000 is awarded to any regular student who achieves a 3.50 cumulative GPA during the preceding regular school year. A student must also complete a regular academic load consisting of a minimum of 12 credits per semester for college, and a minimum of 24 credits per term for college foundation students. Procedure: A student does not need to apply for this scholarship; all regular students are eligible. Allocation is determined by the Academic Dean.





## **Hong Kong Adventist College Residence Grant**

The Residence Grant is a maximum of HK\$300 per month. This grant is awarded to dormitory students who show exemplary conduct in the dormitory and on campus and who also have a financial need. A maximum of ten (10) Residence Assistance Grants may be awarded in each school year. A student must apply to the Business Manager. Each applicant must also request letters of recommendation from each of the following: advisor or Department chair, dormitory dean, and dean of students.

## **Seventh-day Adventist Member Scholarship**

A student who is a member in good and regular standing or who has a parent who is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is eligible for a scholarship equivalent to a 10% discount on actual tuition charges. A student must apply to the Business Manager for the discount during initial college registration and provide a letter of recommendation from a Seventh-day Adventist pastor of his or her home church. The discount is applied to tuition.

## **Student Aid**

A scholarship of HK\$3,000 is awarded to students who have financial need. Each school year a maximum of ten (10) awards may be given. The applicant must be a full-time student with good conduct and who has achieved a minimum of 2.50 cumulative GPA or equivalence in the school year. A student must apply to the Business Manager.

## **Research Scholarship**

A scholarship of HK\$3,000 is awarded to students who would engage in scholarly activities in the summer time or during the school year. The applicant must be a full-time student in the sophomore year or above with good standing (Cumulative GPA = 2.5 or above). A student must apply to the Business Manager by filling out the appropriate form. Accompanying the form, a research proposal endorsed by a faculty member (who will act as a supervisor) needs to be submitted along with the completed form at the same time.

## **Social Service Scholarship**

A scholarship of HK\$300 is awarded to students who are involved in the College's social service programs. This is to encourage active participation in community service and training of their organizational and presentation skills. Matriculation students and college students who are interested in leading community service activities could apply. A student must apply to the Business Manager by filling out the appropriate form. A training session will be arranged by the marketing department. All applicants have to be screened before they are assigned to take part in the activities of the social service programs.

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