

<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Topic</u>	Key concepts and knowledge	Skills development	Rationale
Term 1	Blues historical context including listening & analysis of chords (Harmony), Texture & Structure	Introduction to the <b>blues</b> and understanding the historical context.  Listening and recognising the <b>12 bar structure</b> and the relationship of instruments and voice.	Analytical listening skills basic understanding and ability to recognise chords (Textures of the baseline and the melody.)	This unit reinforcing and developing understanding of <b>texture</b> from year 7.  Introducing the idea of <b>harmony</b> and <b>tonality</b> .
		Understanding the <b>context</b> of the development of instruments over period of time.		
Term 2	Blues historical context including listening & analysis of chords (Harmony), Texture & Structure Blues Performance	To use the knowledge and understanding of the blues key concepts, 12 bar and blues scales, walking baseline in a practical way.  Revisiting of frequency relations active third and fifth.  To develop knowledge and understanding of the piano skills. Musical elements:  Pitch  Rhythm  Structure  texture	Locating <b>notes</b> on a keyboard.  Understanding how <b>chords</b> are built and to be able to perform on the keyboard.  Understanding <b>walking base line</b> links to the <b>chords</b> . To use this knowledge to play and perform a <b>walking base line</b> .	This unit is to enable and build students confidence in performing in a group.  Developing keyboard skills and the interrelation of textural elements linked to harmony and tonality.
Term 3	Blues composition reinforcing chords (Harmony), Texture & Structure also introducing the blues scale (harmony & texture) for melodic improvisation  Blues Composition	Creating lyrics and composing a blues style song.  To be able to transform the key components of Blues into another style/genre: Bass line, Chords, Melody (using appropriate scale), use of verse & chorus.  How the elements of Blues songs relate to the elements of popular songs today.  How to use this knowledge to create &/or perform in a different style/genre.	Students will be required to work collaboratively to <b>compose</b> , rehearse and <b>perform</b> as an <b>ensemble</b> in a different <b>genre/style</b> .	This unit consolidates the final fundamental element of skills, knowledge and understanding required In Music.  Giving students the skills required to develop compositions linked to the blues style.  To give students the confidence to perform in an ensemble.