



KODAIKANAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# MUSIC PROGRAM

A Century of Excellence in Music Education



# Nurturing Talent, Fostering Passion, Inspiring Excellence.

The KIS Music program, the largest department on campus, is a cornerstone of our institution, boasting over a century of tradition and excellence. Music is integral to our academic curriculum from Grade 5, and we offer IB Music, including music theory, as one of the subjects in the Diploma Programme, allowing students to explore, experiment, and present music in various forms. Supported by over 50 pianos and dedicated practice rooms, our program nurtures talent and deepens appreciation for music within our community.

We prepare students annually for the ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, London) exams in both Practical and Theory. Since 1980, KIS has also served as the South India examination center for RSM, facilitating in-house examinations for our students.

# Explore the Rich Offering of the KIS Music Program



## ORCHESTRAL STRING

Our dynamic orchestral program includes specialized orchestral string lessons and a high school orchestra. This program allows students to develop their skills and experience the joy of ensemble music-making, fostering both individual growth and collective harmony.



## SYMPHONIC BAND

Our symphonic band is a key feature of our music program, offering students a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of instrumental music, including tuned percussion such as timpani, marimba, and xylophone. This ensemble brings together our talented musicians to perform diverse and challenging repertoire, from classical to contemporary pieces.



### **VOICE AND CHOIR**

Our vibrant Choir program features three levels—beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Students have the opportunity to develop their vocal skills, engage with a wide range of choral repertoire, and enjoy the experience of group singing. This program enriches students' musical education and contributes to a lively school atmosphere.



### **PIANO PROGRAM**

The KIS Piano program begins in Grade 4, providing students with the opportunity to develop their skills from an early age. After one year, they can choose to continue with piano or explore another instrument. Our program features 52 acoustic pianos, including four grand pianos, and each student has access to a private practice room, providing them the space to refine their craft and enhance their musical journey.



### **GUITAR PROGRAM**

The guitar program at KIS provides comprehensive instruction in classical, rock, and pop styles. Students can choose from specialized classes to master their preferred genre, fostering versatility and creativity in their guitar playing.



### **CARNATIC MUSIC**

In keeping with KIS's vision and mission in India, we are one of the very few schools offering Indian Classical music in both the Hindustani and Carnatic traditions. Students can learn instrumental music such as the veena and tabla, as well as Carnatic voice. They also have the opportunity to participate in the Annamalai University Music Grade Certificate Exam, further enriching their musical experience.



# Holistic growth and Emotional well-being through Music



## Emotional Expression and Resilience

The Music Program provides a creative outlet for students to express their emotions, helping them manage stress and build resilience, which are critical aspects of overall well-being.

## Fostering Discipline and Perseverance

Learning music requires dedication, practice, and persistence, teaching students important life skills such as self-discipline, time management, and perseverance.





### Cognitive Development

Music education enhances cognitive abilities, including memory, attention, and problem-solving skills, which are beneficial across all academic subjects.



### Leadership Opportunities

Students often take on leadership roles within musical groups, such as conductors or section leaders, which helps them develop confidence and leadership skills.

### Teamwork through Ensemble Playing

Participation in ensembles, choirs, and orchestras teaches students to work collaboratively, listen actively, and communicate effectively, skills that are transferable to group projects in academic and professional settings.



### Creative Expression

The program encourages students to explore their creativity, whether through composition, improvisation, or performance, which helps in developing innovative thinking.





## Performance Skills

Regular performance opportunities, whether in school concerts or public events, build students' confidence and poise, preparing them for public speaking and presentations in various future contexts.

## Feedback and Reflection

Music education involves continuous feedback, both self-reflective and from instructors, helping students to develop the ability to take constructive criticism and use it for personal growth.







# Empowering IB Students Through Music

**Critical Analysis:** Music theory and analysis enable students to critically evaluate musical works, enhancing their analytical skills, which are essential for success in the IB program and beyond.

**Alignment with IB's CAS Component:** The music program integrates well with the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirement of the IB Diploma, allowing students to fulfil their creativity hours through participation in music-related activities.

**Extended Essay Opportunities:** Students interested in music can choose to explore topics related to music for their Extended Essay, deepening their research skills and preparing them for college-level writing and inquiry.

**Boosting College Applications:** A strong music background, especially in leadership roles, enhances college applications by demonstrating well-rounded personality, commitment, and a distinctive profile that can set students apart in competitive admissions processes



# Preparing Students for Global Success

**Exposure to Diverse Musical Traditions:** The program often includes world music and cross-cultural studies, which help students develop a broader perspective, fostering cultural sensitivity and global awareness—key traits valued in the IB philosophy.

**Foundation for Music-related Careers:** For students considering careers in music, whether as performers, educators, or in music therapy, the KIS Music Program provides a solid foundation of skills, experiences, and connections.

**Scholarship Opportunities:** Exceptional musicianship can open doors to scholarships at prestigious universities and conservatories, easing the financial burden of higher education.





If you have queries on admissions or would like to simply know more about KIS, please reach out to us at [admissions@kis.in](mailto:admissions@kis.in) or (91) 93423 01123.

## **Kodaikanal International School**

PO Box 25, Seven Roads Junction,  
Kodaikanal 624 101, Tamil Nadu, India  
tel: (91) 4542 247 218  
[www.kis.in](http://www.kis.in)

[www.kis.in](http://www.kis.in)  
[Facebook.com/KISKodai](https://www.facebook.com/KISKodai)  
[Instagram.com/kodaischool1901](https://www.instagram.com/kodaischool1901)