CUMBIA BOOM

From La Descarga

Feel the rhythm, move to the beat and discover the vibrant world of cumbia!

Through live music, storytelling, rhythm and movement, students step into the vibrant world of cumbia — a musical tradition shaped by Indigenous, African and European influences.

Through body percussion, vocal rhythms and call-and-response, students learn how cumbia's layers fit together, then bring them to life on percussion instruments as an ensemble, listening, imitating and creating together. They're also introduced to cumbia dance, movement and costume, exploring how music and culture unite in celebration.

The workshop builds to an energetic collaborative jam — developing creativity, coordination, listening, confidence, teamwork and intercultural understanding along the way.

Image By Claudia Escobar Vega

Who's this for?

- Suitable for: Grades F - 6, Years 7 - 10 and VCE
- Curriculum Links: The Arts - Music/Dance, Health and Physical Education, Humanities, Languages - Spanish, Intercultural Capability, Personal & Social Capability and Critical & Creative Thinking

Logistics

- Full day of workshops available, with sessions of various lengths for between 20-100 students: 1hr Discover & Play | 90 min Create & Celebrate | 2hr Carnival Experience.
- Check out the website listing to see what each of these workshops include!

Venue needs

- Open space to move safely — hall/gym/classroom/outdoors (minimum 8m × 8m adaptable) with power outlets
- Flat, non-slip surface; a shaded or covered back-up area if outdoors
- Easy access for sound equipment