



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Terms and Conditions

When enrolling in lessons through the Whitsunday Anglican School Instrumental Music Program, parents/guardians and students acknowledge and accept the following conditions:

Lesson Costs:

- **Individual lessons** - \$35 per half hour
- **Group Lessons (Brass/Woodwind/Strings)** - \$120 per term

Lessons costs are billed to school accounts.

Lesson Timetabling:

Lessons are timetabled on a rotational basis so that students do not miss the same class each week. Students are responsible for checking weekly lesson times and are expected to be punctual and prepared for lessons. Timetables are available via Student Café, Parent Lounge, Spiritus and Daily Notices.

Students who are unable to attend a scheduled lesson are responsible for contacting their tutor or the Instrumental Music Secretary **prior to the lesson** to arrange an alternate lesson time. **Refunds for missed lessons will not be given except in exceptional circumstances.**

Cancellation of Enrolments:

Cancellation of enrolments must be made in writing to the Instrumental Music Secretary prior to the end of a school term. Refunds will not be given to those who discontinue mid-term.

Participation in Music Ensembles:

All students enrolled in Brass, Woodwind, String or Percussion lessons are expected to participate in a **principal ensemble**, as soon as they are developmentally ready. Principal ensembles include Junior and Senior Concert Bands for Brass/Woodwind/Percussion students, or Junior and Senior String Ensembles for String students. Staff will assist in matching students to the Ensemble suitable for their level of playing experience.

Students may nominate to participate in additional ensembles to further extend their skills. Note that some advanced ensembles require students to audition, or an invitation from a staff member.

Further to the above, it is also strongly encouraged that students enrolled in Singing lessons participate in one of our Choirs. Students learning piano or guitar are also encouraged to seek opportunities to be involved in our ensemble program, and are invited to contact the Music Department to discuss available options.

All students participating in lessons and ensembles through the Instrumental Music Program are expected to adhere to the school expectations for conduct at all times.



External Music Examinations – associated costs:

Students wishing to undertake external Music Examinations through the Instrumental Music Program (e.g. AMEB, Trinity College) are required to engage in individual lessons and may require additional or extended lessons leading up to the exam, as recommended by their tutor. Students may require the services of a piano accompanist, which attracts an additional fee. Parents will also be required to pay the relevant enrolment fee for each exam undertaken and will be subject to the terms and conditions of the examining body.

Obtaining an Instrument:

It is expected that students enrolling in lessons have an instrument to learn/practise on. This includes instruments such as piano, guitar and percussion. The Music staff can help organize the hire or purchase of an instrument. Where a student has not procured an instrument to learn on, their enrolment may be placed on hold (and the student not added to the lesson timetable) until such time as an instrument has been obtained.

Whitsunday Anglican School has a small number of instruments available for (short term) hire. Terms and conditions for loaning or hiring a school instrument are outlined below:

Instrument loan or Hire T&C's:

- The Instrument should be handled and played only by the student for whom it has been rented.
- The student is expected to clean and care for the instrument as if it were his/her own.
- Replacement of accessories which are lost or damaged (cleaning swabs/rods, polishing cloths, strings, shoulder rests etc) on returning the instrument will be billed to the parent/guardian.
- Replacement of consumable items (reeds, valve oil, rosin, strings etc) is the responsibility of the renter.
- Repairs to instruments that are lost or damaged beyond what could be considered "reasonable wear and tear" will be billed to the parent/guardian.
- All instruments must be returned before the close of the school year, unless other arrangements have been negotiated with the Head of Arts.
- The rental cost for an instrument is charged as a set rate per term or part thereof.
- Any damaged or missing instruments should be reported to the Head of Arts immediately.

Where an instrument is not available for hire through the school, the Music staff can assist with organising an instrument through an external hire company.

Alternatively, we can assist with purchasing a new or second-hand instrument (as available). New instruments can be purchased through the Instrumental Music Program and paid in four (4) equal instalments across the school year. All rental costs and purchase repayments are billed to school accounts each term.