



Welcome to the Highgate School Instrumental Music Program

To ensure the smooth running of the program, please read the following information and conditions carefully before completing an application for your child to undertake instrumental music lessons at Highgate School.

Instruments

Tuition is available on the following instruments from private providers: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Guitar (Classical & Modern), Piano, Voice, & Drum Kit.

DECD group tuition with Instrumental Music SA teachers is available on Violin, Viola and Cello for students in years 3 – 7.

Students from the Early Years classes are eligible for instrumental lessons, however not all instruments are suitable for young players. Please discuss this with the Music Co-ordinator prior to submitting an application form.

Tuition Fees

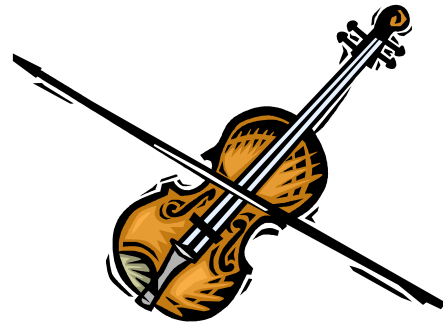
The school has set private tuition fees for 2017 as follows:

- \$30.00 for individual lessons
- \$18.50 for paired lessons

Note: all lessons are half hour duration.

Violin, Viola and Cello tuition for **students in Years 3 – 7** is administered by DECD Instrumental Music SA and is provided **free of charge**.

The string program, through DECD, provides free tuition for students in groups. Most of the private providers offer individual lessons. The instrumental teacher will invoice for lessons at or prior to the commencement of a new term. Accounts for lessons are issued by the instrumental teachers and must be paid directly to the teachers within 14 days and not to the school.



Hire of Instruments

The school owns a limited number of instruments available for hire by students at \$80 per semester (2 terms).

Guitars, keyboards and drums are not offered for hire.

If you wish to hire a school-owned instrument please allow the instrumental teacher to assist students in selecting the appropriate instrument first. A 'Hire Agreement Form' must be signed and returned before taking an instrument home. Families will be invoiced by the school at the beginning of each semester.

Hired instruments will be issued through the Resource Centre and 'borrowed' in the student's name for the duration of the year. Families will be invoiced at the commencement of each semester.

No hire refunds will be given if a student withdraws part way through a semester.

Where no school instrument is available to hire, the school can arrange hire through one of the music stores at a lower rate than if families hire directly from the store.



Music Administration Fee

To maintain a quality music program at Highgate School, an administration levy of **\$10 a term** per student involved in the Instrumental Music Program, will be invoiced separately:

Term 1 entry = \$40

Term 2 entry = \$30

Term 3 entry = \$20

Term 4 entry = \$10

The levy is necessary to offset the administration costs involved in running the instrumental program and supports the funding for the roles of the Music Co-ordinator and Band Director.

Practice

To ensure your child's success in music, it is important that parents help their children establish a regular practice routine. Lengthy, infrequent sessions at an instrument are not as effective as short (10-15 mins), **daily** playing.

When parents encourage their children in this way, students will progress faster and gain more enjoyment from their instrument.



Communication & Reporting

It is important for parents and instrumental teachers to keep the lines of communication open with regard to expectations, progress and concerns. Exchanging telephone numbers, email addresses and/or writing in music diaries will ensure that communication is maintained between home and school.

At the end of each semester, an Instrumental Music Report will be sent home with the classroom report to provide parents with feedback on their child's progress.



Concerts & Performances

Throughout the year various opportunities will be provided for your children, when they are ready, to perform in mid-year and end-of-year concerts, assemblies, retirement homes or kindergartens.

Students involved in the String Orchestra and the School Band have regular performances scheduled each year.

Absence from Lessons

If your student is absent from school or unavailable to attend a lesson for personal reasons (sickness, family holiday etc), **it is the parent's responsibility to contact the teacher directly as early as possible.** Ask the teacher to provide an appropriate contact number where you can leave a message at short notice. (Many teachers require notification of lesson absence before 8.00am on the day of the lesson. Please clarify the specific expectations directly with the teacher.)

If you fail to provide the teacher with reasonable notice of a student's absence, that lesson will not be made up or refunded.

Every effort will be made by the school to notify the instrumental teachers of excursions, camps, pupil free days and other activities that may interfere with instrumental lessons.

If it is not possible to avoid a clash with music lessons, the teacher will be notified of the disruption to their teaching program by the school and you will not be charged for these lessons.

Lessons cancelled by the teacher will not incur a charge.

Withdrawal from Tuition

It is strongly recommended that students commit to learning an instrument for a **minimum of 12 months** to achieve a level of competence and success. Should you wish to withdraw from tuition, please discuss termination of lessons with the instrumental teacher at least **2 weeks** prior to the commencement of a term.

Withdrawal from lessons during a term is strongly discouraged and no refund will be given for unused lessons.

NOTE: Students receiving tuition from IM providers agree to do so for a full year and are discouraged to withdraw part-way through the year.

Highgate Band & String Orchestra

It is an expectation that students join the Highgate String Orchestra or the Highgate Concert Band when the instrumental teacher deems he/she is ready. Ensemble participation helps to reinforce skills, build teamwork, encourage new friendships and extend students' abilities.

These ensembles rehearse on **Wednesdays** (Strings at 8.15am -9.00am) and **Fridays** (Band at 8:15am – 9:15am) and are free of charge.



Instrumental Music Staff for 2017

Anne Rodda

DECD violin, viola &
Highgate String Orchestra

Lisi McGowan

DECD cello

Victoria Coxhill

Voice

Michelle Maddaford

Flute

Evan Bassani

Clarinet and Saxophone

Benn Blake

Trumpet and Trombone

Emilio Pieroni

Classical Guitar

Jason Slack

Modern Guitar

Tzaneto Nikolakopoulos

Modern Guitar

Chris Neale

Drum Kit

Sally Teng

Piano

Rhonda Parker

Piano

Liz Pearce

Piano

Lisa Johnson

Music Co-ordinator & School Band



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