



*Highgate School
Instrumental Music
Program*

Information Booklet
2021





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/Fife, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Classical Guitar, Modern Guitar, Double Bass, Piano, Voice, & Drum Kit.

Group tuition by Department for Education Instrumental Music teachers is available on Violin, Viola and Cello for students in years 3 – 7.

Students from year 1 are eligible for private instrumental lessons, however not all instruments are suitable for young players and it is advisable for students to wait until they are in year 2 before commencing an instrument. Please discuss this with the Music Co-ordinator prior to submitting an application form.

Reception students are excluded from learning an instrument so they can focus on settling into new school routines.

Please note the following:

- Only one instrument can be studied at school.
- Students on a waiting list will be removed from the list if they choose to start on a different instrument.

Tuition Fees

The school has set a suggested fee for private tuition for 2021 as follows:

- \$31.00 for individual lessons
- \$19.50 for paired lessons

Note: all lessons are of half hour duration during school hours.

Violin, Viola and Cello tuition, administered by Instrumental Music SA, is for students in Years 3 - 7 only. Department for Education instrumental teachers provide free tuition for students in groups.

Most of the private providers offer individual lessons.

Private instrumental teachers will invoice for lessons at or prior to the commencement of a new term.

Accounts for lessons must be paid directly to the teachers and not to the school.



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 by the school:

Term 1 entry = \$40

Term 3 entry = \$20

Term 2 entry = \$30

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. Payment for the levy is not required until invoices are sent out.



Hire of Instruments

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

Guitars, keyboards and drums are not offered for hire.

The instrumental teacher will assist students in selecting the appropriate instrument at or prior to the first lesson. 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.

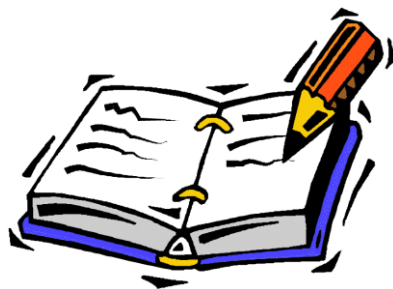
No hire refunds will be given if a student withdraws part way through a semester.

Where no school instrument is available, the school can arrange instrument hire through Size Music, Parkside. Hire fees vary for each instrument.

Communication & Reporting

It is important for parents and instrumental teachers to keep the lines of communication open regarding expectations, progress and concerns. Exchanging telephone numbers, email addresses and 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.



Practice

To ensure your child's success in music, it is important for parents to help their children establish a regular practice routine. Lengthy, infrequent sessions at an instrument are not as effective as short daily playing. Most students would be expected to practice 5 times each week for 15-30 minutes. When parents encourage their children in this way, students will progress faster and gain more enjoyment from their instrument.

For ideas to motivate your child to practice, visit:

<https://takelessons.com/blog/motivate-your-child-to-practice-music-z15>



Absence from Lessons

If your child 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. 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. In most instances, lessons already paid for can be made up or carried over to the next term.

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 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 expected 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 new term.

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

NOTE: Students receiving string 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 Tuesdays (Strings at 8.15am -9.00am) and Thursdays (Band at 8:15am – 9:15am) in the Performing Arts room and are free of charge.



Instrumental Music Staff for 2021

Department for Education teachers:

Anne Rodda

IM violin, viola &

Conductor, Highgate String Orchestra

Lisi McGowran

IM cello

Private Tutors:

David Schilling

Double Bass

Nola Branson

Voice

Michelle Maddaford

Flute

William Branson

Clarinet and Saxophone

Benn Blake

Trumpet and Trombone

Daniel Lipparelli

Classical Guitar

Simon Henderson

Modern Guitar

Tzaneto Nikolakolpoulos

Modern Guitar

Chris Neale

Drum Kit

Nola Branson

Piano

Geoff Driver

Piano

TBA

Piano

Lisa Johnson

Music Administrator &

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