



Music Tuition – Terms and Conditions

Please detach and keep for your information.

Fees

The fee per 30-minute lesson is \$43.50. For administrative purposes, lessons are charged fortnightly in 30-minute blocks. In general, a student should receive a minimum of 16 x 30-minute lessons per semester. Fees are reviewed annually.

Attending Lessons

Lessons are generally timetabled on a rotating basis. This has been found to operate extremely effectively and keeps the number of academic periods missed to a minimum. However, this is subject to change according to the nature of the campus calendars. Students learning more than one instrument may be allocated a fixed time at a lunchtime or before/after school by prior arrangement. Lesson times are notified on VOS and posted on noticeboards within the Music Centre.

At St Anne's or Bairnsdale, students are expected to remember to attend their lessons at the appointed time independently. If, however, a student forgets, they may be collected from their class by their Music Teacher.

At Garnsey, it is the responsibility of the student to read the Music Department noticeboard or VOS notifications, to ensure they are present at the correct time. It may be possible to make an alteration if the time allocated is inconvenient, provided sufficient notice is given to the teacher.

In the case of an absence known in advance, it is the responsibility of the student/parent to inform the Music Teacher or the Music Administrator a minimum of 7 days prior, if the student is unavailable for a lesson, otherwise you will be charged for the missed lesson. If notice of at least 7 days is given, then often another lesson time can be allocated. If the School causes a timetabled lesson to be missed without time for 7 days notice (e.g. athletics etc.), then there will be no charge for the lesson, or an extra lesson will be given if possible.

Parents will be notified if their child is absent from 2 consecutive lessons without offering an excuse or apology.

Illness

In the case of absence from School due to illness, parents are asked to email the instrumental teacher directly (with a copy to the Music Administrator at music@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au) as soon as possible in advance of the lesson. Notification not received, or less than 12 hours in advance, will result in the lesson being charged.

Orchestra, ensembles, bands:

Upon reaching the necessary proficiency, all students who receive lessons through the school are expected to participate in an ensemble as part of their commitment to Music (unless there is no suitable ensemble available). If students are taking voice lessons they are required to participate in choral activities. Any exception to the above must be discussed and authorised by the Director of Performing Arts.

Termination of Tuition:

Before ceasing music lessons, parents are asked to discuss the matter with the Director of Performing Arts or the student's instrumental teacher. Notification to cease lessons must be directed to the Director of Performing Arts in writing. Verbal advice will not be accepted. **Five weeks written notice of termination of tuition** addressed to the Director of Performing Arts is required; otherwise a **charge equivalent to 5 lessons** will be charged to your account. A terminating student's place in an instrumental studio may be offered to a student on the Music Centre waiting list during the notice period.

Music Instrument Hire

Instruments Offered:

Tuition is available in the following instruments. Please indicate on the application form which instrument you are interested in learning.

Piano.

Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

Woodwind: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone (Alto, Tenor, Baritone).

Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, Horn, Euphonium, Tuba

Guitar: Electric Bass, Guitar (Folk, Rhythm, Blues, Latin)

Percussion: Drum Kit and Orchestral Percussion

Instrumental Hire: Fee: \$75 per term

Instruments are not covered by the School's insurance; therefore parents are responsible for the replacement cost of an instrument resulting from any loss while it is in the student's custody, or the repair of any damage. As instruments are expensive items to replace, parents are advised to take out or include the hired instrument in an all-risks insurance policy. The approximate value of instruments for insurance purposes is recorded below. Please note that after a hire period of 2 years, students will be expected to purchase their own instrument or make other hire arrangements.

A bond of \$100 will be held but which will be reimbursed upon the return of the instrument in good condition.

Please note that instruments must be returned to the Music Administrator at the end of the hire.

Instrument:	Approx. Replacement Cost:	Instrument:	Approx. Replacement Cost:
Piccolo	\$2000.00	Bassoon	\$7000.00
Flute	\$1000.00	Saxophone Alto	\$2100.00
Oboe	\$3000.00	Saxophone Tenor	\$3000.00
Clarinet	\$1000.00	Saxophone Baritone	\$8700.00
Trumpet	\$1300.00	Horn	\$5000.00
Trombone	\$1500.00	Euphonium	\$4500.00
Tuba	\$5500.00		
Violin	\$ 500.00	Viola	\$ 850.00
Violoncello	\$1600.00	Double Bass	\$2500.00

Where the value for a particular instrument (e.g. a hand built violin) differs significantly from the values provided, notification will be provided.