



St Joseph's College
Toowoomba
MUSIC TUTORING PROGRAM
Vocal and Instrumental
2017



Dear Parent,

Your child has expressed an interest in learning music through the Private Music Tutoring Program. Lessons are available from professional music staff who offer tuition within school hours. All tutors, in consultation with the College, charge the same fee of **\$32 per half-hour individual lesson** which is the recommended award rate of MTAQ (Music Teachers Association Queensland). Tutors receive no additional remuneration for sick leave, superannuation or holiday pay.

Guidelines

1. Tutors are to be paid in advance. Fees are paid on a term by term basis directly to the tutor.
2. Tutors will provide invoices within the first two weeks of each term.
3. Parents are asked to pay tutors within the first four weeks of each term. Lessons may be suspended if payment is not received by the due date.
4. All scheduled lessons are paid for unless sufficient notice is given with regards to the student's absence. This includes sickness, school excursions and class exams. Students should organise a swap with another student if they know they have a clash of commitments.
5. If a student is sick, the tutor will make every effort to give a catch-up lesson but parents should always notify the tutor directly of their absence before the commencement of the school day.
6. If a tutor is unable to attend due to illness, the lesson will be made up or credited to the next term.
7. Please make sure you receive your tutor's mobile phone number early in the term.
8. Lessons are not scheduled during official College exam weeks.

In return you can expect tutors to:

1. Be reliable and prompt for lessons.
2. Establish a positive and encouraging relationship with the student.
3. Develop music skills appropriate to the student's level.
4. Challenge and motivate the student.
5. Keep the parents informed of the student's progress – phone calls, semester music report
6. Keep accurate rolls of attendance.

Fast -Track Band Program is available for students who wish to learn a band instrument only. This is a group lesson ideally aimed at encouraging beginners into the program. Instruments included in this program are: woodwind, brass and strings (NOT guitars). Lessons are discounted for 6 months and are only available when 2-4 students wish to commence together in a group. The FAST-TRACK program costs \$10 per lesson (approx. \$80 term).

Commitment

It is wonderful to support your child's musical development with lessons and as a parent I am well aware that funding these lessons comes at some sacrifice to the family budget. Students who undertake the study of an instrument or voice must understand the level of commitment required. Regular practice is vital for improvement (a minimum of four times a week). **Students should carefully consider all their commitments to family, study and sport before commencing the instrumental program.**

General Information

Rehearsal Dates and Times

- String Ensemble Monday 3:15 – 4:30pm
- Junior Band Monday lunchtime 1:30 – 2:00pm
- Junior Choir Tuesday lunchtime 1:30 – 2:00pm
- Concert Band Tuesday 3:15 – 4:30pm
- Boys' Choir Wednesday 3:00 – 4:00pm
- Girls' Choir Thursday 3:15 – 4:30pm
- Jazz Ensemble Thursday lunch time 1:30 – 2:00pm PLUS after school as required
- Combined Choir Friday lunchtime 1:30 – 2:00pm as required

Music Tutors

Student lesson times will be at the same time each week, but due to a cyclic timetable student will not miss the same lesson regularly. Tuition is available for the following:

Sax/Clarinet/Piano	Joseph Goodman	Guitar	Josh Meppem
Piano/Flute	Sarah Gustafson	Cello	Sky Playsted
Voice	Kaitlyn Orange	Voice	Jon Maskell
Brass	Malcolm Gaydon	Violin & Viola	Elizabeth Lawrence
Drums & Percussion	Ian Dixon		

Loan of Instruments

Students at the College are able to hire a musical instrument if they are unable to purchase their own or wish to try the instrument first. Students will be required to purchase their own reeds (for clarinets and saxophones) and their own tutor book as specified by the tutor. Instrumental Hire is \$50 per term and will be invoiced on College account. Numbers are limited so the first-in rule applies. Year 7 students are not required to pay for Instrument Hire during the first year of learning.

Instruments which may be available for borrowing include: Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, French horn, Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass. **Keyboards, Guitars and drum kits are NOT available for loan. Instrument Hire.** An additional form will be sent home for those students hiring/borrowing a College instrument.

Instruments which can be learnt through the Fast-Track Band Program: Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, French horn, Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass.

Music Camp

Music Camp is open to students who are in Instrumental and Vocal Ensembles at the College. The date for Music Camp this year is **Friday 17th March (3pm) to Monday 20th March (2pm)**. Further information in camp is available on the school web-site.

Music Information on Website

All forms and Information on Music Performance Dates, Music Camp, Private Tuition and Instrumental Hire is available on the College Website - Co-Curriculum – Music.