



St Joseph's College MUSIC TUTORING PROGRAM Vocal and Instrumental 2019



Dear Parent,

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in learning a musical instrument or voice. Lessons are available from professional music staff who offer tuition within school hours. Students participate in ONE half-hour lesson per week on a set day. There are 4 lesson types available.

1. Immersion Lessons are offered to year 7 students who are interested in learning a band instrument. This program gives students the chance to learn an instrument which they have not previously learnt, and the opportunity to discover their musical talents. Interested students will be participate in a “tryout” program and group lessons will be provided by free of charge to the selected students. Instruments which can be learnt through the Immersion Band Program are: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Baritone, French horn, Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass.

2. The Fast -Track Band Program is an extension of the Immersion Program and offers group lessons at a reduced rate to students learning a band instrument. It is aimed at students continuing from the Immersion Program, or young students who have previously learnt. Lessons are discounted for 6 months and are only available when 2-4 students can be placed in a group. The FAST-TRACK program costs approx. \$100 per term (approx. \$10 per lesson).

3. Solo Private Lessons are available for students who have been learning for more than a year and want to enhance their musical skills to be the best they can be. Progress in private lessons is generally faster with one-on-one attention. All tutors, in consultation with the College, charge the same fee of **\$35 per half-hour individual lesson** which is the 2019 recommended award rate of MTAQ (Music Teachers Association Queensland). Tutors receive no additional remuneration for sick leave, superannuation or holiday pay.

4. Shared Private Lessons are only available for students who wish to share the Private Music lesson cost with a friend, providing that the friend is at the same musical standard.

Student Commitment

It is wonderful to support your child's musical development with lessons and as a parent I understand that funding these lessons can come with 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.**

Guidelines for Parents

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.

General Information

Tuition is available for the following:

Sax/Clarinet/Piano	Tim gray	Guitar	Josh Meppem
Flute/Piano	Rosanne Pietsch	Cello	Laura Chegwiddden
Voice	Kaitlyn Michael	Voice	Jon Maskell
Brass	Malcolm Gaydon	Violin & Viola	Elizabeth Lawrence
Drums & Percussion	Raymond Johnson	Bass Guitar	Tim Hacquoil

Rotation of Lessons

Instrument lessons are on the same day each week, but the lesson time will rotate every two weeks (in line with the Week A/B timetable) so that students do not miss the same class regularly.

Loan of Instruments

Students at the College can loan a musical instrument if they are unable to purchase their own or wish to try the instrument first. Students will need to purchase their own instrument books (as specified by the tutor) and auxiliary equipment e.g. reeds and drumsticks. 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.** An additional HIRE form will be sent home for those students hiring/borrowing a College instrument.

Music Information on Website

For more information about the Music Program at St Joseph's College please visit the College Website ([Learning – Co-Curriculum](#)) or email music@sjc.qld.edu.au