



MUSIC TUTORING PROGRAM 2020

Music Lessons

Fostering your child's gift of music, is a special commitment and one that St Joseph's College values and supports. Lessons for voice and instruments are available from professional music staff who offer tuition within school hours. St Joseph's College is proud to offer our students access to exceptional music tutors who are highly accomplished musicians and experts in their field.

All tutors, in consultation with the College, charge the same fee of **\$36 per half-hour individual lesson** which is the 2020 recommended award rate of MTAQ (Music Teachers Association Queensland). Tutors receive no additional remuneration for sick leave, superannuation or holiday pay.

Lessons are available as:

- Solo individual lesson (\$36 per lesson)
- Paired Lesson (\$18 each – two students of similar standard learning the same instrument)
- Fast-Track lessons (\$100 per term - group lessons for beginners and young players; YR 7/8 students only; more info over)

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. If unable to attend a scheduled lesson, students should request a change of time 24 hrs in advance by emailing music@sjc.qld.edu.au or directly to the music office staff. Students can organise a swap with another student but **MUST** email the change to music@sjc.qld.edu.au and their tutor.
5. If a student is sick, the tutor will make every effort to reschedule the 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.

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.**

The 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 or if you have previously learnt an instrument in primary school. Instruments included in this program are: woodwind (flute & clarinet); brass (trumpet, trombone, euphonium & horn) and strings (NOT guitars). Lessons are discounted for 6 months and are ONLY available when 3-4 students wish to commence together in a group. The FAST-TRACK program costs \$100 per term. If there are only 2 students in the group, then lesson cost will be shared.

Lesson Time/Rotating Timetable

Student lessons will be on the same day each week, but the lesson time will rotate every two weeks so that students do not miss the same class regularly.

St Joseph's Music Tutors

Clarinet	Tim Gray	Guitar	Josh Meppem
Flute/Piano	Rosanne Pietsch	Cello & Double Bass	Laura Chegwidan
Voice	Kaitlyn Michael	Voice	Jon Maskell
Brass	Malcolm Gaydon	Violin & Viola	Wee Chong Wong
Drums & Percussion	Raymond Johnson	Bass Guitar	Tim Hacquoil
Piano	Denise Smith	Saxophone	Yori Dade

Instrumental Hire

Students at the College may 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 form will be sent home for those students hiring/borrowing a College instrument.

Rehearsal Dates and Times

- String Ensemble Monday 3:15 – 4:30pm
- Junior Band Monday lunchtime 1:30 – 2:00pm (some Wednesdays)
- Junior Choir Tuesday lunchtime 1:30 – 2:00pm
- Concert Band Tuesday 3:15 – 4:30pm
- Boys' Choir Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15pm
- Girls' Choir Thursday 3:15 – 4:00pm
- Chamber Choir Thursday 4:00 – 4:30pm (audition only)
- Jazz Ensemble Thursday lunch time 1:30 – 2:00pm PLUS Friday after school as required
- Combined Choir Friday lunchtime 1:30 – 2:00pm as required
- Rock Band Friday lunchtime 1:30 – 2:00pm (YR7 & 8 only)

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 28th February - (1:30pm) to Monday 2nd March (2pm)**. Further information in camp is available on the school website.

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 – Learning - Co-Curriculum – Music**.