



St Joseph's
Primary School
Kangaroo Point

PERFORMING ARTS HANDBOOK 2026



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Welcome And Words From The Principal

Welcome to our Performing Arts Program!

Here at St Joseph's, we offer the opportunity for your child to learn and create music via our vibrant Instrumental Music Program. Through a combination of ensemble, small group and individual lessons, students will receive a quality music education that caters to their specific learning needs and interests. By equipping students with the fundamentals of instrumental music making, they develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for the arts. Music is a gift for life: an intangible medium enjoyed by children and adults of all ages. I invite you to join with us in giving the gift of music to your children, as offered by the St Joseph's Performing Arts Program.

I am excited to announce that we are expanding our exceptional instrumental program to include opportunities for students to join our dance program. We hope that this expansion will continue to promote a love of The Arts and encourage students to be creative, confident and collaborative while expressing themselves physically and emotionally to music

Wishing your child every success in our new and improved Performing Arts Program.



Nicole Cole

School Principal

Welcome And Words From The Head of Arts (Co-Curricular)

At St Joseph's, we believe the Performing Arts are a vital part of a well-rounded education. Through music, dance, and ensemble performance, our students are given the opportunity to discover their creativity, grow in confidence, and connect with others in ways that go far beyond the classroom.

Our Instrumental Music Program provides every child the chance to develop technical skills on their chosen instrument, while our ensemble program builds teamwork, discipline, and the joy of performing as part of a larger group. Likewise, our Dance Program encourages students to express themselves physically and artistically, nurturing both confidence and collaboration.

Together, these programs form a vibrant Performing Arts community; one that values dedication, creativity, and the simple joy of making art together. It is our hope that every student who participates finds not only skill and knowledge, but also a lifelong love of the arts.

I look forward to seeing your child thrive as part of our St Joseph's Performing Arts family and to celebrating the many performances and milestones they will achieve along the way.



Alex Predeckij

Head of Arts (Co-Curricular)

Instrumental Music (Co-Curricular)

Instrumental Music Rationale & Aims

Music is one part of the total education of a child. The Instrumental Music Program is an extension of the classroom music program and provides children with the opportunity to experience the expressive qualities of music through learning to play an instrument.

The aims of the Instrumental Music Program at St Joseph's Primary School are:

- To have fun learning music in an enjoyable environment.
- To develop performance skills as an integral part of their music education.
- To encourage further development of teamwork, co-operation, organisation, responsibility, and commitment, as well as positive peer relationships in a fun and enjoyable environment; and,
- To foster an appreciation of a variety of music styles and genres

Instruments on Offer at St Joseph's Primary School

Instrument Group	List of Instruments
Brass	Trumpet, Baritone, Trombone,
Woodwind	Flute, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet
Strings	Violin, Viola, Cello
Guitar	Classical Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele
Percussion	Drumkit
Piano	
Voice	

Lesson Overview

When students enrol in the instrumental music program, they participate in weekly lessons with one of our specialist educators. Lessons focus on developing music literacy, instrumental technique, and performance skills.

To provide families with greater certainty, lesson fees are charged as a flat **term fee** rather than on a per-lesson basis. The term fee considers that the number of lessons may vary slightly due to public holidays, school events, or staff absences.

When students enrol in the instrumental music program at St Joseph's Primary School, they are automatically included in both individual lessons and an ensemble. Students are encouraged to participate in weekly ensemble sessions at no additional cost. These ensembles will have opportunities to perform multiple times throughout the year, including the annual QCMF performance at Villanova College.

Lesson Types

Lesson Type	Overview	Cost Per Term
Individual 20min	20min lessons are offered to students in Prep & Year 1.	\$300
Individual 30min	30min individual lessons are available for all ages (including Prep & Year 1).	\$390
Shared 30min	Shared lessons have a maximum of 2 students.	\$300

Annual Levy

An annual levy of \$100 per student is charged to fund concerts, excursions and performance opportunities for all students. Refunds and credits are not provided for students who unenroll partway through the year. Pro-rata is not provided for students who enrol partway through the year.

Timetabling

Lessons are timetabled weekly during the school day. Across the school year, students typically receive 8–9 lessons per term. However, the **exact number of lessons cannot be guaranteed**, as some weeks may be affected by:

- Public holidays
- School events and excursions
- Teacher absences (including sick leave or professional commitments)

Where possible, relief teachers will be arranged to cover staff absences. If this is not possible, lessons may be cancelled. Term fees remain unchanged in these cases.

Ensembles

When students enrol in lessons for an instrument and/or voice, they are automatically registered into the following groups at no additional cost:

1. Junior Choir (Prep-3)
2. Senior Choir (4-6)
3. Concert Band
4. Guitar Orchestra 1 (Audition Based)
5. Guitar Orchestra 2
6. String Orchestra
7. Piano Ensemble (Audition Based)

Students enrolled in piano who are not in the piano ensemble will be placed
in an appropriate choir.

Rehearsals

All ensemble and choir rehearsals are held before school. Students receive **45min** of playing/singing during the rehearsals.

It is an expectation that students who are part of the ensembles/choir commit to attending rehearsals for the year and perform at events as required.

Performances

Each year, our ensembles (including choirs) perform at the annual QCMF event held at Villanova College.

Ensembles are also provided with other performance opportunities throughout the year, with a goal of one performance per term.

Instrument Hire

Instrument hire is available for the instruments listed below:

Instrument Group	List of Instruments
Woodwind	Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Bass Clarinet
Brass	Trombone, Baritone, Trumpet,
Strings	Violin, Viola, Cello

Availability

All instrument hire is subject to availability. Students are always encouraged to purchase their own instrument. Please consult your child's instrumental educator for advice before purchasing an instrument. This will ensure that your child has the appropriate instrument for their lessons.

Cost

Instrument Hire is \$90 per term. This fee is used to cover the cost of the instrument and the annual servicing that is required.

Damage To Music Equipment

The following is relevant if any musical instruments are damaged:

- Parents/Guardians are financially liable for damage caused to St Joseph's Primary School resources and/or equipment
- The damage to any musical equipment and whether the instrument is repairable or needs to be replaced, will be governed solely by Instrumental Music Educators and St Joseph's Primary School.
- It is recommended families list school instruments on their home and contents policy.

Enrolments and Discontinuation

Enrolments may be cancelled at the end of each term, provided a Discontinuation Form has been completed and submitted by the dates listed below:

[Link for Discontinuation Form Here](#)

Notice for Discontinuation of Lessons

Term 1	13 March, 2026	For withdrawal at the end of Term 1, 2026
Term 2	05 June, 2026	For withdrawal at the end of Term 2, 2026
Term 3	28 August, 2026	For withdrawal at the end of Term 3, 2026

[Link To Enrol Now](#)

Dance Program

Welcome to the vibrant world of dance!

We are thrilled to extend our warmest greetings to all the passionate and talented individuals who have chosen to embark on this exhilarating journey with us. As you join our dance program, you are not only becoming a part of a team but also embracing an art form that transcends boundaries and speaks a universal language.

At St Joseph's Primary School, we value inclusivity and celebrate the uniqueness of every student. We believe in providing a diverse array of opportunities for all individuals to shine and recognise their full potential. It is with this spirit that we are excited to introduce the St Joseph's Dance Program, a platform where every dancer can find their voice, express their individuality, and contribute to the rich tapestry of our school's artistic community.

Dance is an expression of joy, a celebration of life, and a powerful means of communication. It allows us to convey emotions, tell stories, and create moments of pure magic. Through this handbook, we aim to provide you with the guidance, support, and inspiration needed to explore the limitless possibilities of dance and nurture your creativity.

We encourage you to approach each step, each movement, and each routine with dedication, enthusiasm, and a deep appreciation for the art. Let us work together to build a community where everyone feels empowered to express themselves, challenge their limits, and discover the profound joy that comes with moving to the rhythm of life.



Alex Predeckij

Head of Arts (Co-Curricular)

Rationale & Aims

Dance is an integral component of a holistic education, fostering creativity and expression in every child. The Dance Program at St Joseph's Primary School is an extension of the classroom curriculum, offering students the opportunity to delve into the art of movement and experience the boundless expressive qualities of dance.

The aims of the Dance Program are:

- To cultivate a joyful learning environment where students can explore the art of dance and find fulfillment in their creative expression.
- To provide a platform for students to develop their dance skills through group instruction, encouraging personal growth and artistic development.
- To nurture performance skills and stage presence as an essential part of their dance education, instilling confidence, and self-assurance.
- To promote teamwork, cooperation, organisation, responsibility, and commitment, fostering a supportive and encouraging peer community within a dynamic and enjoyable atmosphere.
- To instil an appreciation for various dance styles and genres, fostering a deeper understanding and respect for the diverse forms of artistic expression.

Through the Dance Program, we aim to ignite a passion for dance, nurture creativity, and foster a deep appreciation for the transformative power of movement as an essential aspect of each student's educational journey.

Lesson Types

Lesson Type	Overview	Cost Per Term
Group Lesson	75min- group lesson	\$200

Annual Levy

An annual levy of \$50 per student is charged to fund concerts, excursions and performance opportunities for all students. Refunds and credits are not provided for students who unenroll partway through the year. Pro-rata is not provided for students who enrol partway through the year.

Class Schedule

Year 1-2	Tuesday	3:00-4:15pm
Year 3-6	Thursday	3:00-4:15pm

Lessons

Lessons occur every week of the year, except for Term 1, Week 1.

OSHC

Students enrolled in OSHC will need to inform the school during the enrolment process to ensure students are delivered back into their care after each class.

Uniform

Students will wear their St Joseph's Primary School sports uniform. Dance specific uniforms will be arranged for external performances and will be an additional cost. Consultation with families will be conducted.

Performances

All students involved in Dance Program will have the opportunity to perform multiple times throughout the year. As the groups continue to develop, further external opportunities will be provided regarding eisteddfods.

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