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Instrumental Music Handbook 2024





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Welcome And Words From The Principal

Welcome to the Instrumental Music 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 Instrumental Music Program.

Wishing your child every success in the Instrumental Music Program.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Cole".

Nicole Cole

School Principal

Welcome And Words From The Director Of Music

Educating children in the world of music is a privilege, and we are some of the lucky few who have devoted our lives doing just that. Our team is full of wonderfully dedicated musicians and educators that love working with your child to bring out the best in them; both musically and wholistically.

I can't wait to welcome you to the instrumental music program in 2024 and to hear what amazing sounds your child can make!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Prendeckij".

Alex Prendeckij

Director of Music



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Meet The Team



Alex Predeckij

Director of Music/Guitar
Specialist
BMus



Louise Osborne

Piano Specialist
AMus, LMus



Christina Nichols

Vocal & Piano Specialist
BMus, DipEd



Richard Daniell

Percussion & Drumkit
Specialist
BMus



Evan Osborne

Brass & Woodwind
Specialist
BMus



Daria Van Ryt

Piano Specialist
BMus



Sally Waterhouse

String Specialist
BMus



Laura Mulcahy

Vocal & Piano
Specialist
BMus (Hon)



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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 provide an opportunity for the musical development of students through instrumental instruction on a group and individual basis.
- 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
Band (Year 2+)	Flute*, Clarinet*
Band (Year 3+)	Alto Sax*, Tenor Sax*, Trombone*, Baritone*, Trumpet*, Bass Clarinet*
Strings	Violin*, Viola*, Cello*
Guitar	Classical Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele
Percussion	Drumkit
Piano	
Voice	

*Instrument Hire Available (subject to availability)

Lesson Overview

When students are enrolled in instrumental music at St Joseph's Primary School, students are collected from class once a week to take part in their lesson with one of our instrumental educators.

During their lesson, they will improve their music literacy, technique, and performance skills and will be informally assessed on these three criteria at the end of each semester.

To assist us in teaching a variety of different instruments in individual & group settings, we use a method book to facilitate effective teaching of the curriculum. Your child's instrumental educator will let you know which method books and materials to get for the lessons. Students will also be given the opportunity to learn and sit examinations for Australian Music Examinations Board (A.M.E.B.) syllabus.

Once students have reached a certain level, they are also invited to take part in a weekly ensemble lesson. These ensembles perform multiple times a year, including the annual QCMF performance that is held at Villanova College.

Lesson Types

Lesson Type	Overview	Cost Per Lesson
Individual 20min	20min lessons are offered to students in Prep & Year 1.	\$32
Individual 30min	30min individual lessons are available for all ages (including Prep & Year 1).	\$42
Individual 45min	45min lessons are available for older students who want to accelerate their learning.	\$57
Small Group 30min	Group lessons have a maximum of 5 students. Students are sorted by ability. Students commencing a band instrument will start in small groups.	\$37



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2024 Lesson Schedule

Term 1	10 Week Term	8 lessons	
Term 2	10 Week Term	9 lessons	NB: 1 week in each term is left free for any make-up lessons.
Term 3	10 Week Term	9 lessons	
Term 4	10 Week Term	9 lessons	

Absences from Lessons and Rehearsals:

- Parents are required to email the Instrumental Music Educator prior to 8 am on the morning of the lesson, otherwise no make-up lesson will be given.
- Make up lessons are only provided for medical reasons, school events, teacher absences and public holidays.
- Make up lessons will not be made for students who are absent during the term for family holidays.
- Make up lessons, or refunds, are not provided for students who miss their group lessons.
- Group Lesson students will only receive a make-up lesson in the event the Instrumental Music Educator is absent, public holiday or there is a school commitment/event.

[Link To Enrol Now](#)



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Ensembles

When students have reached a certain level on their instrument, they are invited to join the following groups:

1. Concert Band
2. Guitar Orchestra
3. String Orchestra
4. Piano Ensemble

At St Joseph's Primary School, we also offer a *non-audition-based* Year 3-6 choir that is open to all students in Year 3-6.

[Link to Enrol for Year 3-6 Choir](#)

Rehearsals

All ensemble and choir rehearsals are held before school. Students receive **45min** of playing 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 choir) perform at the annual QCMF event held at Villanova College. St Joseph's Primary School boasts an impressive streak of gold awards at this festival.

Ensembles are also provided with other performance opportunities throughout the year.

Cost:

The cost of the ensembles is \$40 per term (charged \$160 per annum).

Year 3-6 Choir costs \$20 per term (charged \$80 per annum).

*There are no make-up rehearsals or refunds for any rehearsals missed by the Instrumental Educator or student.



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Instrument Hire

Instrument hire is available for the instruments listed below:

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Band (Year 2+)	Flute, Clarinet
Band (Year 3+)	Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Trombone, Baritone, Trumpet, Bass Clarinet
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 \$110 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.



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Expectations & Commitment From Students & Parents/Carers

Once a student has been selected and has joined the program there will be new responsibilities and expectations placed upon them and the family.

Responsibilities include:

- Knowing lessons times each week (check music timetables).
- Bringing all equipment to each lesson (instrument, book, etc).
- Caring for the instrument and keeping it safe (respect property), and
- Notifying the instrumental teacher if a loan instrument needs repairs immediately (Please do not attempt **ANY** repairs yourself).

Expectations include:

- Punctually attending all rehearsals.
- Punctually attending all performances, and
- Committing to the program for the minimum of a full school term
- Regular home practice. Minimum 3-4 times per week.
- Suitable space to practise at home.

Parent/Carer expectations include:

- Providing the student with his/her own instrument.
- Providing a suitable practice area and time for the student.
- Providing encouragement and positive reinforcement of the student's progress.

- Assisting the student to meet his/her responsibilities.

Leaving the Instrumental Music Program:

- Parents/Carers need to personally contact the Instrumental Music Educator and Director of Music to leave the instrumental music program.
- If a student leaves the program mid-term, no refunds will be given.
- Three weeks prior notice to the end of term is required for the cessation of lessons.

Exceptions to these conditions can be changed at the discretion of the Director of Music or School Principal.

Suspension and Exclusion from the Instrumental Music Program:

- It is a privilege for a student to be involved in the Instrumental Music Program, as it is an extra-curricular activity beyond the classroom.
- The school holds the right to exclude any student from participation when circumstances effect the learning of themselves or their peers in either Instrumental Music lessons/Ensembles or the normal class situation.
- The school holds the right to suspend or exclude students from participation in the program if their school fees and/or music fees are not up to date.
- Exclusion only occurs in consultation with the Principal and when all other avenues to resolve the circumstances have been unsuccessful.

Performance Uniform

At St Joseph's Primary School, it is our aim to provide a performance opportunity for every child who takes part in instrumental music, should they feel ready and comfortable to perform in front of an audience. Each year we hold our Performing Arts Showcase evening during Term 4 where students demonstrate the years' progress in front of an audience.



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The St Joseph's **Formal** Uniform is to be worn to all concerts, competitions and public performances by our school bands and other groups.

Girl's Uniform

Tartan Dress

Black leather school shoes

School socks

Bottle green hair accessories

Boy's Uniform

Boys Formal Green Shirt

Black school shorts

Black leather shoes

School socks

Strategies For Parents To Encourage Students

Encourage children not to just practise but also encourage them to play. This relates not just to children beginning to play an instrument but also to students continuing to play through to Year 6 and beyond.

Playing an instrument in a room behind closed doors can be a very lonely experience. A little encouragement can go a long way to helping them to enjoy and achieve well with their instrument. Here is a couple of ideas that may help at home:

- Actively listen to your child practice.
- Make a comment about the progress you notice.
- Show pride in their achievements and let them overhear you talking about them.
- Ask them to play for guests at home.
- Notice difficult sections and ask how they are played.
- Set a practise routine.

Your child's Instrumental Music Educator will be able to help with practice strategies and tips.