



St Catherine's Catholic College Instrumental Music Program

Introduction

St Catherine's Catholic College provides a comprehensive Instrumental Music Program designed to foster students' musical abilities. This program is a valued addition to our classroom music program and provides participants with a unique opportunity to learn an instrument, experience performance and develop important teamwork skills.

Aim

The aim of the Instrumental Music Program at St Catherine's Catholic College is:

- To provide an opportunity for the musical development of students through instrumental instruction
- To encourage the enjoyment of personal achievement through performances and learning a musical instrument
- To develop students' teamwork skills through ensemble experiences
- To extend students learning beyond the classroom
- To develop an appreciation for music
- To develop responsibility, persistence, and resilience
- To have fun!

Private Lessons

St Catherine's Catholic College offers lessons in:

- Voice
- Piano
- Ukulele
- Guitar
- Violin
- Brass (trumpet, trombone, euphonium/baritone)
- Woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone)
- Percussion (drum kit)

Students work from a prescribed text for their instrument and learn skills and knowledge of music in the context of a particular instrument

Lessons are 30 minutes in duration and can be either in a small group or individual format.

Ensemble Rehearsals

As a part of the Instrumental Music Program, your child is expected to be involved in an ensemble. These are free of charge and further develop students' skills on their instruments. (Not applicable for piano students).

Band and Ensemble extend what students rehearse and practise and give a new dimension of performing with other students. New students will be invited to join these ensembles when their tutor thinks they are ready, usually by around Term 2.

Rehearsals are scheduled once per week before school.

Throughout the year, these groups will play in eisteddfods and in other community and school events.

Instrument Hire

Some instruments are quite expensive to purchase outright. At St Catherine's, we have a hire scheme to allow all accepted students in their first year to commence on their chosen instrument.

After 1 year of study, you are required to purchase your own instrument to continue.

Instruments available for hire are: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium/baritone, violin.

If your child is eligible for a school instrument, you will be required to pay a small hire fee which covers depreciation, routine maintenance, and repairs.

Expectations

As a member of the Instrumental Program, students and parents are expected to meet certain expectations.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Purchase all related books and equipment prior to first lesson. Provide your child with a suitable instrument after 12 months tuition (if applicable). Larger instruments can be supplied by the school.
2. Maintain an interest and support your child's music study, including practice and attendance at lessons and rehearsals.
3. Provide a safe place to store the instrument and help keep it clean and in working order.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Attend all lessons and rehearsals as required, and practise regularly at home.
2. Participate in all related concerts and workshops in school and the wider community.
3. Be involved in a College ensemble/band/choir (piano students not applicable).

Fees

Fees are to be paid directly to the individual tutor as per their agreement. Lessons are approx. \$30 per 30 minute individual lesson and approx. \$15-\$20 per 30 minute group lesson. Please refer to each tutor for final cost.

Students hiring a school instrument are required to pay a rental fee of \$50 per term, with Term 1 free of charge. Therefore, the cost is \$150/year. This is to be paid to the College.