Rockhampton Catholic Schools

Instrumental Music Program

2020

STUDENT & PARENT INFORMATION

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LESSONS

- All music instruction will be held in the space allocated by the school/college.
- Tutors will provide students and parents with details, in writing, of expectations regarding instruments, books, practise, communication and any other issues, at the commencement of lessons for the year.
- Parents and students are responsible for covering any work missed during absence from class. It is the responsibility of parents to inform the tutor of any absences from school.
- If a student is unable to attend a lesson, due to illness or a school event, the tutor should be notified by the parents directly (not via the school where possible) by 8.00am on the morning of the lesson. If a tutor is not notified before 8.00am on the day of a lesson they are under no obligation to provide a catch up lesson, a credit or a refund.
- **Timetables** are provided to students for themselves and their classrooms, and in most cases, are also visible outside the teaching room.
- It is the children's responsibility to be punctual for music lessons, not the classroom teacher's or music tutor's. However, tutors will be provided with contact information for students and should attempt to contact students who fail to appear for lessons. In the secondary schools, after Term 1, students' classrooms will not be rung, to limit class disruption.
- The inclusion of new students in the program will depend on suitability, merit and availability of time. A waiting list may be a necessity. New students will not be admitted to the program unless they have applied through the Director of Instrumental Music and completed the correct paperwork.
- Commitment to the program of at least one semester is expected. If a student wishes to discontinue tuition mid-year, written notification must be given to the Director of Instrumental Music a **minimum of 3 weeks before the end of Term 2** to ensure that instruments and books can be returned and fees can be adjusted for the following semester.

INSTRUMENTS

Tuition is available on the following instruments:

STRINGS *Violin *Viola *Cello *Double Bass
(Grades 2-12)

WOODWIND * Flute *Clarinet/Bass Clarinet *Saxophone
(Grade 4-12)

BRASS *Trumpet *Trombone *Euphonium *French Horn
(Grade 4-12)

PERCUSSION *(Grades 4-12)*

GUITAR *(Grades 3-12)*

PIANO *(7-12)*

VOICE *(1-12)*

In 2020, the following instruments are available for hire:

- Flute
- Clarinet/Bass Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- French Horn
- Violin
- Viola
- Cello

An instrument hire fee of $54 a semester is applicable to the above instruments. This is to help cover cleaning, repair and maintenance costs.

It is expected that the student will supply any ancillary equipment needed for their instrument, such as reeds (clarinet and saxophone), drumsticks (percussion), spare strings and rosin (strings), valve oil (trumpet and trombone).
Your tutor will outline exactly what is required for each student during their first lesson.

INSTRUMENT ACCESSORIES LIST (Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Guitar)
PRIMARY SCHOOLS

FLUTE	
METHOD BOOK	Tradition of Excellence Book 1 (Red Book)
GENERAL	A4 Display folder

CLARINET OR BASS CLARINET	
METHOD BOOK	Tradition of Excellence Book 1 (Red Book)
SPECIFIC ITEMS	3x Reeds – Size 2 (Rico) Thumb Rest
GENERAL	A4 Display folder

ALTO SAXOPHONE	
METHOD BOOK	Tradition of Excellence Book 1 (Red Book)
SPECIFIC ITEMS	3x Reeds – Size 2 (Rico)
GENERAL	A4 Display folder

TRUMPET	
METHOD BOOK	Tradition of Excellence Book 1 (Red Book)
SPECIFIC ITEMS	Valve Oil, cleaning cloth, slide grease, mouthpiece brush (maintenance kit available at Green Brothers)
GENERAL	A4 Display folder

TROMBONE	
METHOD BOOK	Tradition of Excellence Book 1 (Red Book)
SPECIFIC ITEMS	Slide grease, spray/spritz bottle, cleaning cloth
GENERAL	A4 Display folder

PERCUSSION	
METHOD BOOK	Accent on Achievement Book 1 – Combined Percussion (S.D. and Mallets)
SPECIFIC ITEMS	Drumsticks (pair), Practice Pad
GENERAL	A4 Display folder

GUITAR (St. Joseph's Park Avenue and St. Mary's ONLY) *St. Anthony's will advise during lessons	
METHOD BOOK	Sound Innovations for Guitar (Australian Version)
SPECIFIC ITEMS	3x Picks, Clip Tuner
GENERAL	A4 Display folder

Please ensure all equipment is clearly labelled with your child's name

BOOK & EQUIPMENT CAN BE PURCHASED FROM **GREEN BROTHERS**

(72-78 William Street, Rockhampton)

SCHOOL ENSEMBLES

- All music students are encouraged to participate in a school ensemble, as this is an opportunity to practice the skills learnt in tuition and gain experience in playing in a group. Evidence has shown that students who play in an ensemble often progress faster on their chosen instrument.
- School ensembles rehearse out of school hours on a weekly basis, before or after school.

PRIMARY SCHOOL - In 2020, students are able to participate in the Combined Primary Schools Concert Band, Combined Primary Schools String Ensemble and school-specific concert bands and string ensembles, as appropriate.

EMMAUS COLLEGE – In 2020, students are able to participate in the Jazz Band, Concert Band, String Ensemble, Choir and Drum Corps, as well as instrument-specific small ensembles.

ASSESSMENT

- Reports will be sent home once a semester, detailing your child's progress. Please feel free to discuss these with your child's tutor.

FEES

- Instrumental group tuition fees for 2020 are $240 per semester. For all tuition except piano, semester accounts will be issued.
- **Individual** instrumental tuition is available for secondary school students at EMMAUS COLLEGE, subject to tutor availability. Fees for individual tuition are $480 per semester.
- If an instrument is being hired, there is a hire fee of $54 per semester.
- There is an ensemble fee of $20, per family, per year, for secondary students involved in ensembles at Emmaus College in 2020. This is a once-only fee that covers all ensemble involvement, regardless of the number of ensembles participated in.
- For piano tuition, term accounts will be issued by the tutor in the first weeks of the term and parents will be given two weeks to pay the account, or negotiate payments with the tutor. A specific due date for payment will be stated on the account. If you are unable to pay by this date, please ensure you make contact with the tutor to make alternative arrangements. Without this, your child risks being unable to continue in the program until such arrangements have been made. **N.B. Piano tuition is on an individual basis – fees are advisable by the tutor.**