



Instrumental Music Program

The Instrumental Music Program at Wodonga Senior Secondary College has a commitment to the provision of a high quality instrumental music program to as many students as possible. The program provides an opportunity for students to learn an instrument during school hours and have the ability to participate in a wide range of ensembles.

Instruments

Tuition in the following instruments offered:

- ❖ Voice – Contemporary and Classical
- ❖ Woodwind – Flute, Clarinet, Alto and Tenor Sax
- ❖ Brass – Trombone, Trumpet, Euphonium
- ❖ Guitar
- ❖ Bass Guitar
- ❖ Drum Kit/Percussion
- ❖ Piano/Keyboard

Lessons:

Students attend a 30-minute lesson once per week. Students are withdrawn from normal class lessons and must ensure that they catch up on work from the missed classes. If a student prefers to have a lesson at lunchtime, before or after school, this is to be discussed with the instrumental teacher and is subject to availability.

- For VCE Music students only – lesson times may be extended up to one hour.

Groups/Ensembles

Students in an ensemble must attend regular rehearsals and performances throughout the year. Rehearsals are usually during lunchtime or after school. Throughout the year, there will be a number of performances. These could be assemblies, lunchtime concerts, evening concerts, performances at Arts Festival, Eisteddfod, award ceremonies etc.

- Years 10-12: At a VCE level, participation in a group or ensemble is encouraged as part of the curriculum.

Performance groups offered:

- ❖ Combined Concert Band – years 7-12
- ❖ Rock Bands
- ❖ Vocal group
- ❖ Choir
- ❖ Swing Band



Fees.

Lessons are Department of Education funded, enabling us to charge a much cheaper tuition rate than external providers.

- \$70* per term, Years 10-12.

*These fees are the equivalent of two lessons from a private teacher outside of school. Therefore, in a 10 week term you receive 8 free lessons.

Included in the fees

- Hire of an instrument (woodwind and brass)
- Lesson fees
- Ensemble and band fees
- Choir fees
- Music for all musical groups

Not included in the fees

- Music tutor (lesson books) will be purchased by the student.
- Sheet music for individual pieces.
- Repairs to damaged instruments. Any instrument damaged through misuse or neglect, or replacement cost of lost instruments will be paid for by parent/guardian.

Students who sign up for instrumental lessons are committing to **one** term of lessons – including the \$70 payment. This payment is non-refundable. If students wish to discontinue their lessons, they must contact their instrumental music teacher AND Instrumental Music Coordinator Lisa Bektash. If not communicated, then we will assume lessons are still going ahead and the student will be charged for the term.

Should there be any interruptions to the school year that is out of our control, discounts and refunds will be applied.

Payment

The Semester fee of \$140 is to be paid upfront at the beginning of the semester and must be paid before lessons can begin. Refunds are available for those students who choose to discontinue lessons after one term e.g., if a student only has lessons during Term 1 and stops in Term 2, then \$70 will be refunded. If anyone is experiencing difficulty with payment, please speak to Lisa Bektash to make arrangements.

Other

- Instrumental Music lessons are available to every student. You do not have to be in a Music subject to access these lessons.
- Some (but not all) groups and ensembles are available to every student. For example – a student who wishes to join the choir may do so without the expectation that they are having instrumental lessons or that they are in a Music subject.
- It is strongly recommended that students who select VCE Music subjects have instrumental lessons.
- Instrumental lessons are semester long. Changes to the school timetable each semester means that the music lessons also need to be changed. There is no paperwork required to continue lessons as we assume any student having lessons in Semester 1 will continue into Semester 2.
- Students will be encouraged, but not expected to sit AMEB exams.



Instrumental Music Tuition Permission Form - 2022

I have read the information and give permission for my child to commence/continue tuition on their chosen instrument/s in 2022. I understand that the semester fee is \$140 and must be paid before lessons can commence. Please return this form to the front office. Payment can be made at the front office or through the School Portal.

Name of Student: _____

Instrument Choices:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Telephone/Mobile Number: _____

Instrument/s learnt in 2021: _____

Teacher/s: _____

Office Only: Please indicate that \$140
Semester Fee has been paid