



Instrumental Music Program Parent Information

Frequently Asked Questions

Will my child be absent from the same class/subject regularly whilst they attend Music Lessons?

All students will be on a rotating timetable so that the same subject is not missed on a regular basis. It is up to the child to ensure the lesson they miss is caught up on in their own time.

How do I know when my child is to have a lesson?

Each instrumental music tutor will organize a timetable for the children to follow at the beginning of each term. This will often be changed and updated due to new enrolments as well as events at school that may occur.

Will someone collect my child from class to attend their lesson?

Instrumental music tutors will ensure children are collected from the classroom for their music lesson each week. The children will also be taken back to class.

If my child is absent from a lesson, will I be charged for that lesson?

If a student's music lesson clashes with a scheduled school activity such as a Camp, excursion or carnival, it is the responsibility of the music tutor to arrange an alternative time as long as prior notice has been given in the form of an email from the parent or class teacher. All music tutors have a copy of the school's term calendar. However, if your child is unable to attend their music lesson due to illness or family commitments, that lesson will be lost. It is the responsibility of the parents to call their child's music tutor and re-schedule a lesson if there is a genuine need for this to happen. Informing the teacher on the day of the lesson does not allow the teacher time to re-arrange their day and lessons will be charged for. Make up lessons are often scheduled at the end of each term to try to ensure 10 lessons have occurred. This is not always possible.

What opportunities are there for my child to perform at school?

Children will have the opportunity to perform at assembly from time to time, at the Performing Arts Festival, on special school occasions and during lunchtime concert performances in the school hall. Music tutors will co-ordinate these performances in conjunction with the school music teacher. We now have a school band which rehearses after school for orchestral instruments.

How can my child's achievement in music be recognised within the school?

Please let the office know if your child has achieved well in some musical or artistic activity outside of school, whether it be in a music exam, an eisteddfod or a musical performance of some type. We want to encourage all students to experience and achieve in music and would love to share their successes with the rest of the school community. Students who are working at a level that demonstrates commitment will be invited to become a member of our school band.

How regularly does my child need to practise?

- Young children who are just beginning music lessons should be encouraged to practise for 10 – 15 minutes every day. The older the child and the more complex the music, the longer they should be practising.
- Practice should be done daily
- Speak with your child's music tutor about what and how your child is to practise each day.

What does my child need to take to Music Lessons?

Your child must be well prepared for their music lesson and take along whatever music course book or repertoire their teacher has assigned to them.

Will my child be doing exams on their musical instrument?

Speak directly with your child's music teacher about the style of music and direction they will be taking in lessons. Music exams are encouraged as they lead to pride in achievements as well as an attitude of excellence when playing their musical instrument.

Will my child receive individual lessons or be part of a group?

Parents may choose for their child to participate in either individual or group lessons in most instruments except piano. Individual lessons are far better for children once a degree of competency has been reached in their chosen instrument. Individual lessons will cost slightly more. All lessons are based on a \$35 per half hour rate. Shared lessons (2 students) \$18 each child, individual lesson \$35. Group lessons will not have more than three children per group under normal circumstances.

Fees

Individual tutors will send home accounts at the beginning of each term clearly indicating the cost of lessons. Parents are expected to pay for the term's fees prior to lessons beginning unless otherwise stated by the Music tutor. Failure to pay fees by this time may result in lessons not being given to the child. Note two term's notice must be given if your child is not continuing with lessons.

Lesson Allocation

Children will be offered lessons on the basis of the date that applications for that instrument are received by the Office and the availability of specific teachers. The time available for each tutor will vary according to the number of applicants for that instrument and there may be occasions when it is not possible to meet specific requests.

Any further questions?

Your child's music tutor should be able to answer any other questions you may have about their instrument or their instrumental music lessons.

Instrument Hire

We do not offer school based instrument hire, however, we recommend Jazzy Fingers in Malaga and Joondalup Music.

Instrumental Music Coordinator

Please contact the school's Music Teacher on 9301 6828 or email:

Templeton.natalie@cathednet.wa.edu.au should there be any other questions relating to children's participation in instrumental music tuition at St Simon Peter Catholic Primary School. Please leave a voice mail message if the Music Teacher is unavailable at the time you ring.

Kind regards



Shane Baker
Principal

ST SIMON PETER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Registration for the Instrumental Music Program

With the growing interest and popularity of the Instrumental Music Program, it is necessary to plan well ahead. Present students intending to continue and new students wishing to commence lessons should enrol now to secure a place with their instrumental tutor. Lessons are scheduled during school hours on a rotating timetable. A profile of all tutors listing their qualifications and experience is available for your reference in the school office.

Instruments	Tutor	Phone Contact
Drums PP- 6	Gordon Jansen gordonjansen56@gmail.com	9562 4839 0421 713 182
Acoustic and Classical Guitar Years 2 - 6	John Ralph johndralph@hotmail.com	0405 523 144
Electric, Bass Guitar and Rock Band Years 2 - 6	Russell Smith russellsmithguitartuition@gmail.com	0433 658 292
Group Keyboard and Piano Years 2 - 6	Veronika Battersby The_muso@iinet.net.au	9405 3617 0403 304 585
Violin, Viola PP – Year 6	Julia Watson Watsoj05@gmail.com	0449563508
Flute Years 2 - 6	Rachael Perry rachaelp551@gmail.com	0416 342 306
Clarinet, Saxophone and Tenor Saxophone Years 2 - 6	Catriona Ferguson catrionaferguson@yahoo.com	0422 224 155
Trumpet, Trombone and French Horn	Nicole Dixon nic.dixon@hotmail.com	0409 203 797

ST SIMON PETER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Application for Instrumental Tuition

Name: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Instrument _____ My Email Address is: _____

Please tick your preference Group Individual

If you are currently learning an instrument and you are re-enrolling for the same instrument next year, please indicate the name of your current instrumental teacher.

I have read the conditions of enrolment and agree to abide by them

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

ST SIMON PETER SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL TUITION PROGRAM

Conditions for Enrolment

It is important to appreciate that learning a musical instrument involves a team effort – that of the student, his/her parents and the tutor. In order that students gain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from the instrumental program, some important points need to be seriously considered before commencing.

- A suitable instrument is required with the appropriate accessories. Instruments may be hired or students may prefer to buy their own instrument.
- Students will be expected to learn the instrument for the full school year. In fairness to the tutor, parents must give a term's notice (in writing) before withdrawing a child from their music lessons. This is the teacher's livelihood and sudden changes can cause them significant hardship and inconvenience.
- It is the responsibility of the student or parent to give a day's notice to the instrumental teacher of any camps or excursions etc. that may result in the student being absent from the normal music lesson. Informing the teacher on the day of the lesson doesn't allow the teacher time to rearrange their day and therefore lessons will be charged for.
- If there are any difficulties with the music program, parents must arrange an interview with the tutor in order that any difficulties can be discussed and a solution found. Any on-going difficulties may be brought to the attention of the school music teacher or the principal.
- The school Principal will allocate students to tutors. Where requests are made for an individual tutor, such requests will be considered and agreed to if possible but the balance of tutors' times may not allow all requests to be met.

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

Date