



*Wantirna College Performing Arts*

# **Instrumental Music 2023**





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# Instrumental Music Program Overview

Wantirna College is proud to be a leader of Instrumental Music in Victoria. The College has a holistic approach to music education, with students actively engaged in both instrumental lessons and a vibrant ensemble program. In the recent Parliamentary Inquiry into the benefits of music education, the researchers found conclusive evidence that

- *Music Education can enhance student engagement and wellbeing as well as personal and social development, and contribute to learning in other subject areas.*
- *Music Education benefits schools by encouraging and modelling cohesive communities.*
- *Music has economic, cultural and social benefits for the wider community, including providing a pathway to employment in a range of occupations, increasing cultural vibrancy, and contributing to greater cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.\*<sup>1</sup>*

At Wantirna College, students have weekly group or individual lessons with leading music educators in the State. All students work through a documented instrumental music curriculum, with opportunities to access and prepare for Australian Music Examination Board examinations, Trinity College Music Examinations and also an internal music examination process.

Wantirna College offers tuition in the following instruments\*<sup>2</sup>:

- **Trumpet, French Horn, Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba**
- **Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass**
- **Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, Bassoon**
- **Piano**
- **Voice**
- **Percussion**
- **Bass Guitar, Guitar**

As part of the extensive ensemble program, Wantirna College offers participation to students in the following ensembles:

## **Core Ensembles:**

- **Junior Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band**
- **Guitar Ensemble, Advanced Guitar Ensemble**
- **String Orchestra, String Ensemble**
- **Middle Years Choir, Later Years Choir**

## **Extension Ensembles:**

- **Contemporary Bands**
- **VoxEns**
- **Stage Band**
- **Percussion Ensemble**

We strongly believe that Music Education should be available to all students, so lessons and ensemble participation is heavily subsidised and offered to families at a very low rate.

\*<sup>1</sup> p.5. Inquiry into the extent, benefits and potential of music education in Victorian schools, 2013, the Government of Victoria

\*<sup>2</sup> Other instruments may be available upon request.

# Instrumental Music Staff

We have a very experienced, professional and passionate team of Instrumental Music teachers, ready to help your child develop their musical abilities.

## **Daniel van Bergen**

*BMus; GradDipTeach; ATCL; AMusA; ADipA*

Leader of Performing Arts  
Brass & Classroom Music

## **Lachlan Barratt**

*BEd; BMus; DipMus*

Guitar & Classroom Music

## **Jack Bennett**

*BMus*

Percussion

## **Tanya Bradley**

*BMus; BEd*

Strings

## **Paula Grinbergs**

*MMus(PerfTeach); BTeach; BMus; DipEd*

Woodwind

## **Ian Haines**

*BMus(Perf)*

Brass

## **Susan Hull**

*BMus(Perf); GradDip(Perf); GradDipEd*

Voice

## **Andrew Jacobs**

*BEd(Mus)*

Double Reed

## **Jocelyn Jensen**

*Bmus(Improv); GradDipEd*

Voice & Classroom Music

## **Michelle Lam**

*MTeach(Sec); BMus(Hons); BA; AMusA; LMusA(Piano & Electronic Organ).*

Piano, Classroom Music & Accompaniment

## **Stephen Langley**

*BMus(Hons); DipAppSc; DipEd*

Strings

## **Nathaniel Poynter**

*BEd; BMus;*

Woodwind

## **Madeline Weybury**

*MTeach; BMus; AdvDip(Jazz)*

Electric Bass

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## **Performing Arts Office**

**03 9881 7149**

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Parents are welcome to contact the Performing Arts Office at any time. Our hours are **8:45am to 4pm** and we aim to respond to all enquiries within 24 hours.

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# Instrumental Music Contribution\*

Wantirna College Instrumental Music is a self-funded program. This means that we rely on the money raised from the annual parent contributions to run the program.

**The Instrumental Music Contributions are compulsory fees that must be paid (or payment plan commenced) through your Compass portal BEFORE your child can become involved in the program.**

**Please also note that music contributions are non-refundable.\***

Your compulsory contributions:

- cover part of the expense of running our successful program;
- provides our students with quality specialist music teachers; and
- contributes to the purchase of sheet music, hire instruments and equipment, as well as associated repairs and maintenance costs, and many other program-associated costs.

## **Accompaniment/VCE Students**

Though we provide accompaniment for school events. There is an additional compulsory 'VCE Music Enhancement Contribution' paid by VCE students, due to the additional accompaniment, equipment and staffing they require (see next page).

## **Additional Costs**

We offer lessons that are far less expensive than private tuition. However, the Instrumental Parent Contributions do not cover all costs of participating in the program.

Additional costs incurred by each student may include purchasing instruments (**please consult your Instrumental Music Teacher before purchasing instruments**), servicing and repairing instruments, Music Camps and excursions, bus transport to and from performances, and fees for AMEB and Trinity Guildhall practical and theory exams (which are optional exams).

## **Ensemble Uniform/Performance Blacks**

All Instrumental and Vocal students need to purchase an ensemble uniform for performing at various events during the year. Please refer to page 5.

## **Music Camp**

The proposed dates for the 2023 Music Camp for all students in the program (including Voice students) are Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 June and it will be held at Forest Edge CYC, 405 Menzies Rd, Neerim East (in Gippsland).

*\* Subject to school council approval*

*\*\*Eligible parents can use CSEF funding towards the cost of camps.*

# 2023 Instrumental Music Contribution Payment Summary

Please note – ‘voice’ is an ‘instrument’

## Instrumental Lesson Fee (including VCE)

\$550 per year  
or one instrument

## Additional Instrument Contribution

\$300 per year  
for each additional instrument learnt

## VCE Music Enhancement Contribution

\$275 per year  
(VCE students only)

## Instrument Hire Fee

\$250 per year  
for each instrument hired from College

## Ensemble Only Contribution

\$150 per year  
for students not learning an instrument or  
having voice lessons at school (covers all ensembles)

### Please note:

The Instrumental Music Contributions are compulsory fees that must be paid (or payment plan commenced) through your Compass portal BEFORE your child can become involved in the program.

# Enrolment Process 2023

## **RE-ENROLMENT**

All current parents will be emailed a link to a 'Re-enrolment Form' on 26 Oct 2022. To secure a place, the form must be **submitted online by Friday 18 Nov 2022.**

Parents will be notified when payments open via the Compass portal in January and **payment must be made\*, or payment plan commenced, by Friday 17 Mar 2023.**

*\*Students who are enrolling in 'Ensemble Only' will need to pay the full \$150 fee by Fri 17 Mar 2023.*

## **NEW ENROLMENTS**

We will be running a **Music Information Session on Monday 12 Dec 2022** as part of the Year 7 Orientation Evening. This will give prospective parents and students important information about the Instrumental Music program and the opportunity to ask questions.

### **Prior Experience**

For students who already have prior experience on an instrument, parents will be provided with an 'Application for Students with Prior Experience' form that **must be completed and returned by Tuesday 13 Dec 2022.**

### **Instrument Trial Day – Tuesday 31 Jan 2022**

All Year 7 students will attend an 'Instrument Trial Day' at the start of Term One where they will have the chance to try out all the instruments offered at the school.

Afterwards, an online 'Expression of Interest' form will be emailed home to parents, so that interested students can apply to learn their selected instrument/s. To avoid the risk of being placed on a waiting list the 'Expression of Interest' form **must be completed and returned by Wednesday 8 Feb 2023.**

Successful applicants will be notified by email whether they have been accepted in the program or, in some cases, placed on a waiting list. Payment will then appear via the Compass portal. **Payment must be made, or a payment plan commenced, by Friday 17 Mar 2023.**

## **Summary of Important Dates 2022/2023**

<b>Wed 26 Oct 2022</b>	<i>Re-enrolment Form</i> emailed to all current families
<b>Fri 18 Nov 2022</b>	<i>Re-enrolment Form</i> submission due
<b>Mon 12 Dec 2022</b>	Music Information Session at Yr 7 Orientation Evening
<b>Tue 13 Dec 2022</b>	<i>Application for Students with Prior Experience Form</i> due
<b>Tue 31 Jan 2023</b>	<u>Instrumental Trial Day</u> for all new students
<b>Wed 1 Feb 2023</b>	<i>Expression of Interest Form</i> sent to new student parents
<b>Wed 8 Feb 2023</b>	<i>Expression of Interest Form</i> submission due
<b>Fri 17 Mar 2023</b>	<b>Full Payment Due OR Payment Plan Commenced</b> via Compass



# Required Ensemble Uniform (Performance Blacks)

All instrumental and vocal students are required to wear an ensemble uniform when performing at various events during the year:

**Black ensemble shirt, black shoes, black socks and black tailored pants (no denim) or black skirt with black tights.**

## Black Ensemble Shirt

The black Ensemble Shirt is available from the Wantirna College Uniform Shop at a cost of \$40. It may also be found at Lowes.

The Uniform Shop is usually open on Monday and Thursday from 3pm to 5pm, as well as the first Saturday of each school term from 1pm to 3pm.

They also open on Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm during February.

Uniform enquires can be emailed to: [uniform@wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:uniform@wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au)

## Black Tailored Pants

Black tailored pants can be found at Kmart and Lowes.



# Instrumental Music Lesson Information

Students will have lessons in small groups with a maximum of up to four students per group. Each lesson lasts for 37 minutes (half of a single period) and takes place during normal school hours. Lesson days depend on the instrument the student is learning and which teacher is providing the lessons.

**All students are expected to go to their Instrumental Music Lessons instead of their regular classes.\* Please note that students should also go to their instrumental lessons even when they are on Monitor Duty for the day.**

Year 12 students are not required to miss classes and will have their instrumental lessons scheduled either during their study periods, before school, after school or at lunchtime – depending on timetabling constraints.

Instrumental Music Lessons are timetabled to rotate across different periods on the same day each week to minimise disruption to classes over the Term. It is the student's responsibility to catch up on any work they miss in their normal classes while having an Instrumental Music Lesson.

Instrumental Music Lessons and Ensemble Rehearsal times can be found on each student's Compass schedule. An example student timetabled week is provided on the following page, with the Instrumental Music Lesson and Ensemble Rehearsal circled.

***\*IMPORTANT: Year 7-11 students who have assessments (SAC/tests) when their music lesson is scheduled, should still attend their music lesson and their classroom teacher will reschedule their assessment. (Year 12 students are never scheduled during class time).***

## Ensembles

It is **mandatory** that all students having instrumental or vocal lessons provided by the College, will participate in a **core ensemble**, as appropriate to their instrument and standard. Students will only receive lessons if they are a part of our ensembles.

**Piano students are required to be in a Choir or the Percussion Ensemble. There are a limited number of spaces available in other ensembles for piano students, by invitation only.**

Once students are successful in gaining a place, they will be assigned an ensemble and their Ensemble Rehearsal time will be added to their Compass schedule. Some beginning students will commence ensembles later in the year than others, depending on their instrument and level of expertise.

We currently have seventeen ensembles, which rehearse either before or after school, or at lunchtime, on various days of the week.

Students having private instrumental tuition outside of the College are also invited and encouraged to participate in our College ensembles (please refer to 'Ensemble Only Contribution' on p. 5).

# Student:

Active

	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat 31
Today	Jump to: 25/07/2021	Go				
8am						
9am	8:45: 1 - 8ENJ - D3 - PLU	8:45: 1 - 8PDJ - D5 - BEO	8:45: 1 - 8DRJ - L2 - BAE	8:45: 1 - 8HPJ - J3 - MCP	8:45: 1 - 8MAJ - I6 - RAN	
10am	10:05: 2 - 8HUJ - E3 - PRA	10:05: 2 - 8DRJ - L2 - BAE	10:05: 2 - 8CHJ - K4 - K2 - WAL	10:05: 2 - 8PDJ - D5 - BEO	10:05: 2 - 8HPJ - PE6 - J3 - MCP	
11am						
12pm	11:45: 3 - 8MAJ - I6 - RAN	11:45: 3 - 8ENJ - DR - PLU	11:45: 3 - 8MAJ - I6 - RAW - SPO	11:45: 3 - 8ENJ - D3 - G1 - PLU - JSTE	11:45: 3 - 8SCJ - K5 - KAG	
1pm						
2pm	1:50: 4 - 8CHJ - A5 - WAL	1:50: 4 - 8HPJ - PE4 - MCP	1:50: 4 - 8HUJ - G1 - PRA	1:50: 4 - 8SCJ - K2 - KAG	1:50: 4 - 8PDJ - D5 - BEO	
3pm	3:15: CONCERTBAND - L1 - POY					
4pm						
5pm						

# **IMPORTANT**

## **Purchasing Musical Instruments**

### **PERCUSSION STUDENTS**

Students choosing to learn Percussion are required to purchase a Percussion Pack that has been put together specifically for the Percussion students at Wantirna College.

The Percussion Pack includes drumsticks, one pair of glock mallets, and an optimum glockenspiel with bag, practice pad and stand. The cost is around \$300, but includes quality instruments that will retain their value. The pack is available to order online at

<https://www.optimumpercussion.com.au/index.php/optimum-glockenspiel-with-bag-practice-pad-stand.html>

### **PIANO STUDENTS**

Students choosing to learn Piano must purchase their own keyboard\* to use for practising at home. We recommend a weighted, 88 key instrument. This could be a Yamaha P45 or P35, available from Keyboard Corner in Boronia, phone 9761 0003.

*\*If there is already a piano at home, there is **no** need to purchase a keyboard.*

### **GUITAR & ELECTRIC BASS STUDENTS**

Students learning Guitar and Electric Bass are required to purchase their own instrument. If you are learning an electric instrument, you will also require an amplifier for home use. The College owns amplifiers, which the students can use during lessons and ensemble rehearsals, however they are not hired out to students to use at home. Students learning Electric Bass will be required to purchase their own amplifiers for home practice.

We recommend the purchase of either Yamaha or Fender acoustic guitars.

We recommend Fender or Squire brands when purchasing an Electric Bass. We particularly recommend the 'Beginner Bass and Amp Combo' from the *Bass Centre* in South Melbourne.

**ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS – Please consult your Instrumental teacher before purchasing.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Instruments from Aldi or Bunnings are not suitable.**



# Hiring Musical Instruments

**Please consult your child's Instrumental Music Teacher  
BEFORE purchasing an instrument!**

**Instruments from ALDI or BUNNINGS ARE NOT SUITABLE for lessons.**

Students participating in the Instrumental Music Program at Wantirna College may choose to either:

- 1) **Buy** a brand new instrument – either outright or on a payment plan.
- 2) **Hire/Buy** a pre-loved instrument **with option to buy at any time.**
- 3) **Hire** an instrument from Wantirna College for one year at a cost of \$250

## **Option 1 - Buy a Brand New Instrument**

We recommend the following suppliers for purchasing a brand new instrument either outright or through a purchase plan:

**Fine Music:** 9818 8520 [finemusiconline.com.au](http://finemusiconline.com.au)

**Oz Winds:** 9578 3677 [www.ozwinds.com.au](http://www.ozwinds.com.au)

**Future Music:** 9808 8988 [futuremusic.com.au](http://futuremusic.com.au)

**Musicorp:** 1300 959 911 [www.musicorp.com.au](http://www.musicorp.com.au)

**Bows for Strings:** 8802 7905 [bowsforstrings.com](http://bowsforstrings.com)

## **Option 2 – Hire a Pre-Loved Instrument**

We also recommend the above suppliers for hiring a pre-loved instrument with a buy-out option.

## **Option 3 – Hire an Instrument from Wantirna College \$250**

To hire an instrument from the College, please indicate this on your online enrolment form and a 'Wantirna College Instrument Hire' form will be emailed to you for completion.

The Hire Instrument will be issued to your child at their first lesson, as long as the 'Instrument Hire' form has been completed and submitted online. Limited numbers of instruments are available.

- Limited numbers of instruments available for hire.
- One year commitment.
- Student returns instrument at the end of the school year.

**Please Note** that we are able to hire out all instruments **except** Guitar, Electric Bass, Percussion or Piano/Keyboard (see p.8).

**Please consult your child's Instrumental Music Teacher  
BEFORE purchasing an instrument!**

# Enrolment Process for - NEW STUDENTS -

## Instrument Trial Day Tuesday 31 January 2023

On Tue 31 January, we hold an Instrumental Trial Day for all Year 7 students. This is an opportunity for new students to try the myriad instruments available to learn at Wantirna College.

Students are provided with an 'Instrument Trial Day' form to help them identify instruments they may be interested in.

This information will then be collated and the parents of students that have shown interest in learning an instrument will be contacted by our Leader of Performing Arts, Mr Daniel van Bergen, with a link to the *Expression of Interest* form.

This must be returned by Wed 8 January 2023.

Students will be notified by email whether they have been accepted in the program or, in some cases, placed on a waiting list. Payment will then appear via the Compass portal.

**Payment must be made, or payment plan commenced, by Friday 17 Mar 2023.**

### **Instrument Hire**

Students who are hiring an instrument from the school, will be issued with their instrument during their first lesson.





# VISION STATEMENT

Wantirna College is a leading school for the Performing Arts in Victoria and provides outstanding Performing Arts education, unique co-curricular opportunities and a flourishing Instrumental Music program focused on the development of the next generation of musicians, actors, dancers and creative young people in Australia.

## VALUES

Excellence & Professionalism  
Dedication & Teamwork  
Resilience & Risk Taking  
Integrity & Leadership

*These values are seen as intrinsic to the holistic development of young artists in Australia.*

