

Heatherton Christian College



Instrumental Music Information Booklet 2020

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!"

Psalm 95:1

Instrumental Music 2020

Voice & Piano
Guitar & Bass Guitar
Flute, Clarinet & Saxophone
Trumpet, French Horn & Trombone
Drums/Percussion



Instrumental Lessons – Timetabling

- Music lessons are scheduled to work with the student's classroom timetable and will be delivered on a rotational basis to minimise disruption to classroom programs.
- The timetable is organised on a rotating basis to ensure that students don't regularly miss the same class.
- It is the student's responsibility to make up any work missed during absences.
- Timetabling preferences are given to senior students.
- Lessons outside scheduled classes are arranged at the instrumental instructor's discretion and availability.
- Lessons are 20, 30 or 45 minutes duration - 16 per semester.
- Instrumental timetables are on the notice board and will be available on Compass.

Condition of Enrolment – Missed Lessons

Where a student misses a lesson, a make-up lesson will be given only in the following cases:

- When the student requests a change to accommodate other school activities such as tests, excursions and sporting commitments, provided you give your music teacher 24 hours notice.
- Where the parent is aware their child will be absent from school on the day of the lesson for reasons other than illness, a catch up lesson will be given provided you give your music teacher 24 hours notice.
- Where a student is ill on the day of lesson and parents notify school by 8:15am and request cancellation of music lesson or email the Head of Music or instrumental teacher directly prior to 8:15am.

Other than for illness as set out above, make up lessons or reimbursement will not be given unless at least 24 hours prior notice of absence is given.

Contact will be made to parents informing them of missed lessons without prior notification, lateness and failure to bring the correct resources to a lesson.

Changing Lesson Times (Secondary Students)

If a music lesson is timetabled to clash with a test in a particular subject, this will become evident from proper use of the College diary and Compass. Students are to consult their instrumental teacher in advance (i.e. not less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled music lesson).

Leaving Class to Attend a Music Lesson

Students are expected to go promptly to and from music lessons. Students must ensure they see their respective subject teacher for the commencement (or remaining) minutes of that particular period. It is the student's responsibility to make up any work missed during absences.

Storage of Instruments at School

All instruments should be neatly stored in the Music Department's allocated storage area while at school. Instruments should not be left on top of or next to lockers. Please ensure that the student's name and contact number are clearly marked on the instrument case.

Ensemble Participation

All students learning an instrument are expected to be involved in an ensemble and participate in various performances throughout the year. This involves attendance at rehearsals which are timetabled out of class time at lunchtime or possibly after school.

Fees & Charges

Instrumental fees will be charged to your school FACTS account* for the full semester.

Individual Lesson – 20 mins • 1 st year beginners only (Primary)	\$27 Lesson	\$432 Semester
Shared Lesson – 30 mins • Year 8 brass & woodwind students only • Subject to student numbers & compatibility	\$22 Lesson	\$336 Semester
Individual Lesson – 30 mins	\$36 Lesson	\$576 Semester
Individual Lesson – 45 mins Advanced students – AMEB Grade 6 & above VCE Unit 3 & 4 Performance	\$54 Lesson	\$864 Semester
Yearly re-hiring of Instruments: - \$230 Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet & Trombone \$350 for Saxophones & French Horn	Accompaniment: - As per exam requirements	

*Please note that students will not be able to enrol in this program if school fees are in arrears.

The above fees are based on the recommended fees for music lessons. These are available from the Victorian Music Teachers Association website <http://vmta.org.au/VMTA-Recommended-Fees>.

Purchasing an Instrument

Students are encouraged to purchase their own instrument. Care needs to be considered in purchasing a correct instrument for your child - it is important to remember to buy a reputable brand. Your child will outgrow inferior brands very quickly. It is advisable to keep away from instruments that are purchased from places such as ebay or Aldi. If you need an advice, please talk to your student's teacher.

Hire of Instruments

Hire of instruments are for students who are undertaking instrumental lessons within the College's instrumental program. Instruments are not for hire for students to take external music lessons. Not all instruments are available to hire as they are used within the Year 7 Concert Band Program. Instrument hire fees are for the full year and are not refundable.

Hire of instruments for the full Year are charged at the following rates:

- \$230 – Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone
- \$350 – Saxophone, French Horn

Print Music

Occasionally students will need to purchase music books and/or theory books as requested by their instrumental teacher. These costs are not included in lesson fees.

Practicing at Home

It is essential for your child to develop a regular practice routine at home as this is important for consolidating and improving previous concepts while learning new works. This requires your child to remember to take their instrument home.

- Beginners 15 - 20 mins daily
- Intermediate 30 - 40 mins daily
- Advanced 45 mins - 1 hour daily

Shared Lessons

Shared lessons are only available for Year 8 students on woodwind or brass instruments and are dependent upon student numbers and compatibility. Students will be offered alternate lesson types if a shared lesson is not available to be offered.

Music Examinations & Accompaniment

Students are encouraged to undertake external exams through AMEB or ANZCA. Please discuss with your instrumental teacher the requirements and estimated costs. Please note that the cost for the accompaniment is dependent on the level of exam. An **Exam/Accompaniment Permission form** will need to be completed by your instrumental teacher with the estimated costs and signed by parents. These charges will then be added to your FACTS account.

VCE Performance

It is required that students provide their own instrument, or make necessary arrangements to access an instrument of an appropriate quality for VCE Performance as this is not the College's responsibility. It is also expected that students undertake private instrumental lessons on their chosen instrument to support their learning at this level as well as provide their own accompaniment for the VCE Performance Examination.

VCE Performance – Accompaniment

Accompaniment for VCE performance examinations needs to be organised and paid for by individual students doing VCE music. While we have an accompanist at HCC we cannot guarantee their availability for VCE Exams and it is students responsibility to arrange this. Names of alternative accompanists are available on VMTA website <https://vmta.org.au/find-piano-accompanist/>. Please discuss with your instrumental teacher the requirements and estimated costs. Please note that the cost for the accompaniment is dependent on the level of exam. An **Exam/Accompaniment Permission form** will need to be completed by your instrumental teacher with the estimated costs and signed by parents. These charges will then be added to your FACTS account.

Cancellation Policy

Lessons will automatically roll-over from semester to semester but re-enrolment is required for 2020.

Withdrawal from instrumental lessons can only be done at the end of Semester 1 or end of Semester 2, giving at least four weeks' notice in writing. Failure to give the required notice will incur the following semester's charges. Lesson fees will not be refunded for students who withdraw prior to the conclusion of a semester. Instrument hire fees are for the full year and are not refundable.