

CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC HANDBOOK 2019



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Welcome

We are delighted to offer Preshil students the opportunity to receive music lessons from private tutors, during the school day and at either end of the day.

Our instrumental music program has been running for many years, providing students with opportunities to participate in solo and group performances within the school and at non-school events. Our tutors are highly qualified, professional musicians who, as well as providing lessons to our students, regularly perform themselves.

This program is one part of the total music program at Preshil and supports the school's deep commitment to a vibrant and inclusive culture where musical expression is considered a right and an essential element in our community life.

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Instrumental Music Lessons

Private tuition is offered at Preshil, with lessons held during the school day and scheduled according to a rotating timetable. Lessons may take place during class time, lunch time or before and after school.

Lessons are available in the following instruments:

Acoustic Guitar	Electric Bass	Trombone
Bassoon	Electric Guitar	Trumpet
Cello	Flute	Ukelele
Clarinet	Percussion	Viola
Double Bass	Piano	Violin
Drum Kit	Saxophone	Voice

Lesson Duration	Cost Per Lesson	Cost Per Term
30 Minutes	\$45.00	\$360.00
45 Minutes	\$65.00	\$520.00
60 Minutes	\$85.00	\$680.00

Preshil has a limited supply of instruments for hire. Any family interested in hiring an instrument is advised to contact their tutor:



Enrolment

Please download and complete an enrolment contract from the school website. Enrolment is for the academic year. Re-enrolment into the instrumental program must be made by the end of 2018 to keep your place for 2019.

Attendance

Students will be contacted by their tutor to inform them of lesson times and are expected to attend scheduled lessons without needing to be reminded.

Every effort will be made to encourage the older students in the Arlington 10s and 11s to get themselves to music classes, while younger students will be collected by tutors for their lessons.

Students in Year 7 will be given one term to learn how to get themselves to their music lessons, where tutors will collect them from class if they do not arrive on time. After this, it is expected that all secondary students will know their time and will be able to get themselves to their lesson.

Students who do not arrive on time will be marked as absent and the lesson will not be made up.



First Lesson

You will be notified of your child's first lesson either by phone or email. Please allow at least ten days for confirmation from a tutor. Lessons usually commence in the second week of each term.

Payment

There are eight lessons per term that are billed through Compass prior to the commencement of each term. Lessons commenced part-way through a billing period will be charged on a pro-rata basis. All billing enquiries should be directed to the Business Manager, Bryce McLean, on 9816 7903.

Missed Lessons

In cases where lessons have been missed due to school events (excursions, exams, camps etc), tutor illness or student issues (where sufficient notice has been received), tutors will make all reasonable attempts to provide a make-up lesson. In some cases this may require a longer lesson. In the event a make-up lesson is unable to be scheduled, the value will be credited to your account.

If it is known that a child will be absent from school for any reason, parents should report the absence on 9817 6135 before 8.30am on the day.

Absences due to Student Injuries

If a student's injuries prevent them from playing an instrument, the tutor may offer theoretical-based lessons for a time until the student is able to resume playing. Where the injury is prolonged (more than two weeks) or recovery time unpredictable or unknown, parents have the option to cancel lessons with four weeks' notice.

Any queries relating to such cases should be brought to the attention of Karoline Kuti as soon as the tutor is notified.

Termination of Lessons

Enrolment is a term commitment and is considered ongoing from term to term unless written notification of termination is provided. Lessons cannot be cancelled during term time and four weeks' written notice is required to the appropriate campus Music Administrator to terminate lessons. Termination of lessons will take effect from the following term.

If terminating, we value all feedback. We take the happiness of the children as extremely important and want to ensure every student enjoys and feels supported by the program.

Music Administrators:

Blackhall Kalimna (Secondary): Judy O'Donnell - judy.o'donnell@preshil.vic.edu.au
Arlington (Primary): Prue Ottey - prue.ottey@preshil.vic.edu.au

Extra Lessons

In some cases, tutors may provide extra lessons. If this is of interest to you or your child, please contact your tutor to discuss the possibility.

Making a Change

Four weeks' term time notice in writing to the appropriate administrator is required if your child wishes to change instruments.

Music Examinations

Preshil offers two types of exams; in-house exams and external exams run by the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB). Discussions regarding examination eligibility should be made directly with the student's tutor.

In-house exams are rigorous, semi-formal exams run by the music department and offer students constructive feedback from one of our tutors. The AMEB exams are modelled on the traditional formal exam and offer students feedback and are graded by an external musician.

Both exam application forms are available for download from the school website.



Open Lessons

This is an opportunity twice a year (in Terms One and Three) to attend your child's instrumental lesson and, together with the tutor, set goals, practice timetables and learn how parents can help at home.

Music Calendar

Details of music events are published in the fortnightly iNewsletter; on the Compass calendar or the school website: <https://inewsletter.co/Preshil>

Ensembles | All Ages

Preshil hosts a number of ensembles for students. Some of these occur during the school day and others at either end of the day. Details are posted on the Preshil website here: <http://www.preshil.vic.edu.au/programs/creative-performing-arts/music/ensembles/>

"Education should provide for self-expression. Education should develop initiative, independence, imagination, love of beauty. The children in our schools to-day should not be copying solitary carrots, they should not be copying anything. They should be covering large sheets of paper with bright colours. They should be drawing knights riding to battle, fairies, witches, dragons, ships. They should be knowing the joy of creation. Every child is a potential artist, but in so many, alas, the artist is allowed to die. The children in our schools should be writing, acting, producing their own plays, writing their own poetry, painting their own scenery, creating their own dances. Art, music, drama are not the frills of education, but an integral part of it; the part, indeed, which helps the soul to blossom."

- Margaret JR Lyttle, 1940



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