

Instrumental Music Tuition and Ensemble Program 2026

We are pleased to offer the Instrumental Music Tuition Program to all students, providing an opportunity for students to learn an instrument of their choice, including voice, under the guidance of a specialist Instrumental Music Teacher. Lessons are available on a one-to-one or small-group basis (R–2 voice lessons only) and are offered as a full year enrolment.

Lesson information

Individual and group lessons are 30 minutes. Students preparing for AMEB Grade 5 (or above) may wish to enrol in a 45 minute lesson. We recommend that children enrol for no more than two instruments and only one instrument for Reception (from Term 3) and Year 1.

The acceptance of Reception students into the Instrumental Music Program is at the discretion of the Head of Music and Performing Arts, the Classroom Teacher and the Instrumental Music Teacher. Instruments recommended for Reception students include Piano, Violin, Cello, Recorder and Voice.

Lessons are scheduled within the school day, with consideration given where possible, to minimise the impact on core learning. The music tutor will escort students in Reception to Year 3, to and from lessons.



Fees

Activity	Per semester	Per Year
30-minute individual lesson	\$730	\$1,460
45-minute individual lesson (AMEB Grade 5 and above only)	\$1,095	\$2,190
Group Vocals lesson (available to Reception to Year 2 students only)	\$390	\$780

Please note: Music tuition fees do not include the cost of instrument hire, which is charged separately if applicable. For instrumental hire costs, please see overleaf.

Instrumental Hire

Instrumental hire includes regular maintenance and accidental damage or loss insurance. Wilful damage is not covered.

Instrument	Per semester
Violin or Viola – full or part size	\$140
Cello – part size	\$200
Double Base – part size	\$280
Electric or Bass Guitar	\$180
Percussion Pack	\$175
Alto Saxophone	\$238
Clarinet	\$180
Flute or Piccolo	\$180
Tenor Saxophone	\$240
Trumpet or Trombone	\$175

Music tuition and instrumental hire charges are billed per semester and will be added to you School fees in Week 5 of Term 1 and Term 3, 2026.



Collection and Return of Hired Instruments

Newly hired instruments will be given to students in their first lesson.

Instruments are to be returned to the Music Department at the conclusion of instrumental lessons in order not to incur a hire fee for the following semester. Instruments returned late may incur the next semester's hire fee as dictated by the hire company. Students may hire an instrument for the duration of tuition on that instrument.

Missed Lesson Policy

Instrumental Music staff will provide 16 lessons each semester under the following conditions:

- Any lessons missed due to absence from School will not be rescheduled
- Lessons will be rescheduled by the Instrumental Teacher due to School events on the Calendar
- If the Instrumental Music Teacher is absent, he/she is responsible for making up the lesson

Withdrawal

Withdrawal from lessons is permitted only at the conclusion of Term 2 and Term 4, requiring a Music Cancellation Form to be submitted two weeks before term-end.

Music Ensembles

The Ensemble Program offers a range of graded large and small ensembles for students from Reception to Year 6, including String Orchestras, Concert Bands, Small Ensembles, Handbell Ringing, and Choirs. Ensemble membership is by invitation, based on skill level, with some ensembles requiring audition or expression of interest.

Students are grouped by ability, not age, allowing them to develop individual technique and ensemble skills in weekly rehearsals. Led by experienced conductors, the program emphasises musicianship and performance excellence. Members commit to rehearsals and have multiple performance opportunities throughout the year, including Assemblies, Church or local community performances, St Andrew's in Concert, Bands Cabaret, An Evening with Strings, and Speech Night.



Choral Program

- Senior Concert Choir (Open to all students in Years 4–6)
- Senior Vocals (Entrance by audition for vocal students only)

Concert Band Program (all ensembles – entrance by invitation)

- Junior Concert Band
- Intermediate Concert Band
- Senior Concert Band
- Stage Band
- Rock Bands
- Flute Ensembles (Junior, Intermediate and Senior)
- Clarinet Ensembles (Junior, Intermediate and Senior)
- Saxophone Ensembles (Junior, Intermediate and Senior)
- Percussion Ensemble
- Brass Ensemble

Handbell Ringing

- Handbell Ensemble (Entrance by expression of interest all Year 4–6 students)

String Program (all ensembles – entrance by invitation)

- Beginner String Orchestra (Junior Primary)
- Junior String Orchestra
- Intermediate String Orchestra
- Senior String Orchestra
- Senior String Quartet