



## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

At Fitzroy High we offer a dynamic and exciting instrumental program which provides students with opportunities to learn new skills on their chosen instrument. The program also gives student the option to take part in our fabulous ensembles. Ensembles are a great and engaging way for your child to showcase their skills and technique being taught in lessons. Ensembles are also a terrific chance to build on their musicianship skills by learning to play with other instrumentalists.

In 2018 we will be continuing to offer lessons of a wide range of contemporary and classical instruments. Our instrumental program is staffed by experienced and qualified music teachers. All have completed tertiary courses in music performance, are seasoned performers and have a wide range of professional musical experiences.

Throughout the year there are many performance opportunities available to students. These take place at instrumental music nights, lunchtime concerts, graduations and exhibition evening, assemblies, open days and school productions.

The following list are the instruments available for your child during 2018.

- Woodwind** – Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone
- Keyboard** – Piano, Electric Keyboard
- Guitar** – Acoustic and Electric
- Bass Guitar and Double Bass**
- Percussion** – Drum kit
- Voice**
- Piano Accordion**
- Music Theory** – Recommended for students considering doing VCE/VET Music Performance.
- Strings** – Cello, Violin, Mandolin, and Ukulele
- Brass** – Trumpet and Trombone
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### **LESSON TYPES**

- Individual or shared lessons are available. Music Theory lessons are in small groups.
- All lessons are 30 minutes in duration.
- Each student has one lesson per week.
- Shared Lessons: Teachers will pair students of similar playing ability together. If a suitable partner is not available, shared lessons cannot be offered.

### **ENSEMBLES**

The following are a list of ensembles available during 2018.

- Falconer Street Band (Funk, Blues, Jazz and Pop for Brass and Woodwind)**
- Junior Guitar Ensemble**
- Senior Guitar Ensemble**
- Keyboard Ensemble**
- Vocal Group**
- String Group**
- Fitzroy Filarmónico (Contemporary Pop, Folk and Jazz for Strings, Woodwind and Brass)**
- Brazilian Drum Ensemble**

Students are required to pay a \$7 ensemble fee per week, which covers the cost of directing the ensembles.



## FEES

Payments for lessons are charged at the beginning of each semester. The current fees are as follows:

TYPE	CHARGE PER SEMESTER Based on one lesson per week
INDIVIDUAL	\$640 (20 X \$32 lessons)
SHARED	\$325 (20 X \$16.25 lessons)
MUSIC THEORY	\$240 (20 X \$14 lessons)
ENSEMBLE	\$140 (20 X \$7 rehearsals)

***\*A payment plan is available. Please contact Ross McDonald at the general office on 9488 1900 for further information.***

## INVOICING AND ENROLMENT

- Invoices are payable at the beginning of each semester.
- Enrolment can be completed via an online 'Survey Monkey' see link at bottom of page.
- Students must enrol in minimum of one semester (two terms). Refunds are not available to students who withdraw during the semester.
- If a student is withdrawn from the program during the semester there will be a charge to cover the teaching costs for the remainder of the term.
- Notice to withdraw from lessons for the second semester must be received in writing by 24 June (the end of term two).

## MISSED LESSONS

- If a student is sick on the day of their lesson they must notify the music teacher by email on the day of the lesson. A make up lesson will be arranged.
- Where a makeup lesson is not possible the following week, the teacher will do their best to provide a make up at another time in the term. Please note that a make up lesson can only occur in a time where another student is absent.
- Please note that we do not re-schedule lessons around excursions or sport activities. Where there is a clash with an excursion/sport activity students are requested to arrange an alternative lesson time with their teacher a week before the absence. Students can also arrange a swap with another student on the day, but must inform the teacher.



## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Students must attend lessons and rehearsals on time and notify teachers of upcoming absences due to excursions or sport events.
- Students are expected to attend weekly ensemble rehearsals and participate in school performances.
- Music fees are due by February 12th, 2018. **Lessons commence when full payment has been received (or instalments as per payment plan)**. If you require information regarding a payment plan please speak to Ross Mc Donald in the office.
- Students and parents are required to follow the above procedures concerning missed lessons, enrolment and withdrawal from the program.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ross McDonald at the school office on 9488 1900 should you have any questions regarding payment.

For any other questions regarding the FHS Instrumental Program please contact the music teacher, Tom Hoyle on 9488 1900, or by email at the following address:

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## enrolment link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FHSINSTRUMENTAL>