

MUSIC TUITION PROGRAMME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I choose more than one music lesson?

Yes. Many students take tuition in two different areas. Students who wish to take three different music lessons must consult with the HOD Music before enrolling. In all cases, students will be expected to catch up on any work missed in the classroom due to attending music lessons, so you need to be organised and communicate well with your classroom teachers.

When do lessons take place?

90% of lessons are scheduled during school hours. Lessons are 30 minutes long and will be at the same time each week (for example 9am Monday) so students are not missing the same classroom subject each week.

Can I have my lesson at lunchtime or after school?

For lunchtime lesson slots priority is given to senior students, students taking NCEA Music and students taking more than one type of music lesson. Some tutors are on site before school and after school for lessons. Every effort will be made to satisfy 'out of class time' requests but this is not always possible.

How do I enrol? What is the deadline?

Music Tuition Enrolment Forms will be available at the start of the school year from the Music Office. Forms must be returned in person with fees to the Finance Office by the middle of Week 2, Term 1. There may only be a handful of vacancies in some lessons after February, but students should enrol on time to avoid the risk of missing out.

Do I need to bring my own instrument to school for lessons?

With the exception of students learning Piano, Keyboard, Drums and Double Bass, all students must bring their own instrument to school for tuition. Drummers must bring their own sticks. In all cases, students who are learning an instrument must have access to that instrument for practising throughout the year (this is particularly important should we go into lockdown in the future, as in this situation all tuition will be done online).

Can I store my instrument at school?

Yes. We have a storeroom for guitars and a storeroom for other instruments. Both have coded keypads for security. Instruments are not to be stored overnight, and all cases must be clearly named. Instruments are stored at your own risk.

Can I book a room to practice drums or piano?

Yes. Before school is the best time to get a room for personal practise on a regular basis. There is a weekly booking sheet for rooms and students should book in at the start of the week via the Duty Music Teacher.

I have no experience in music. Do you have lessons for beginners?

Yes, most tuition is available at beginner levels. It is advisable to talk to the Music Office before enrolling in beginner lessons.

Can I cancel my lessons part way through the year?

Students are always encouraged to commit fully for the duration of the tuition programme – 30 lessons. If a student is changing schools or moving out of Auckland they can of course cancel the lessons and apply for a refund. Other reasons for cancelling tuition once the tuition year has started will be considered by the Music Office, and refunds given at the discretion of the administration staff.