



# Instrumental Music



**Mary MacKillop College**

# Music Recruitment Information

## [Why should my child learn music?](#)

Music and the arts are key to a well-rounded education, over the past decade, research has proven that there are multiple benefits in young students learning music.

Not only does music improve a child's **self-confidence**, **self-discipline** and **team work skills** but studies have shown that school's with a strong focus on music education have seen students gaining **higher results in both literacy and numeracy tests**. Not only does music study provide for these essential personal qualities, but also helps to encourage group dynamics, physical development, a sense of personal, group and community achievement and mental coordination.

Mary MacKillop College offers students the option of receiving specialised tuition on a musical instrument. Students receive lessons from a fully qualified music teacher during school time in either an individual or small group context.

## [Available Instruments:](#)

The following instruments are available for tutoring:

- Voice (limited spaces)
- Piano
- Guitar (limited spaces)
- Bass Guitar
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Saxophone
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Drums & Percussion



## [Lessons:](#)

Lessons are 30 minutes in length, although students in senior school have the option of longer lessons upon request, and are scheduled on a weekly basis. Whenever available, Instrumental Music lessons are held on the same day each week.

While teachers at the College are supportive of the Instrumental Music Program, it is the responsibility of each of student to ensure that any content missed during a scheduled lesson is caught up on as soon as possible. As most instrumental music lessons do not last the full length of a lesson, students miss only portions of a lesson, not a whole class.

Where music lessons are scheduled during classroom assessment tasks, it is the responsibility of the student to reschedule their instrumental music lesson, or arrange a swap of lesson with another student of their instrument.

### Lesson Options:

30 Minute Group Lesson - 2-3 students

30 Minute Paired Lesson - 2 students

30 Minute Individual Lesson

### Lesson Fees:

As Music Tuition is an optional elective aspect of the Music Program, music fees are billed separately from the College's Tuition Fees.

The current Music Lesson fees are:

Lesson Type	Cost
30 minute group music instrumental lesson	\$18
30 minute paired music instrumental lesson	\$22
30 Minute Individual Lesson	\$30 - \$37

**Fees for Music Tuition are paid upon invoicing by the chosen teacher for lessons. The teacher will invoice families directly and fees are to be paid to the account options nominated by teacher. Fees range from \$30-\$37 dependent on individual teacher fees.**

Invoices are given dependent on how each teacher processes their invoices. This will either be in advance at beginning of term OR at end of term.

### Lesson Timetable Example:

Student Names	Lesson times
	9.05am-9:35am
	9:35am-10.05am
	10.05am-10:35am
	10:35am-11.05am
	11:35am-12.05pm
	12.05pm-12:35pm
	12:35pm-1.05pm
	1:35pm-2.05pm
	2.05pm-2:35pm
	2:35pm-3.05pm

### How do I sign up?

- Please fill in the following attached form and read through the terms and conditions provided.

- Once your form has been handed to the Instrumental Music Facilitator Ms Elly Poletti, you will receive your lesson timetable via your school email.
- Lesson timetables will be available on SIMON portal.

### What happens after I have signed up?

- You will attend a weekly lesson with your music tutor.
- All students who have lessons at Mary MacKillop College are to join the required music ensemble dependent on your instrument. This is compulsory and is of a great benefit to your development as a musician to be playing with other students.
- Performances - throughout the year you will be given the opportunity to perform at different events run by the music department. When you have been given these performance dates, it is vital you place these in your diary.

### Do I have to buy my own instrument?

Mary MacKillop College offers a range of instruments that can be available to hire. If you do not wish to buy your own instrument, you can contact the Instrumental Music Facilitator, Ms Elly Poletti, who will inform you of hire costs of the selected instrument your child wishes to learn.

If you do wish to buy your own instrument, please speak to your child's instrumental teacher for advice on prices, commitment and where to look.

### Requirements:

Each student is required to bring the following to each of their music lessons and band rehearsals:

- Practice diary (given to you by your teacher)
- Pencil
- Music/Method book
- Manuscript book
- Instrument
- School Diary



### 10 facts on the benefits of students learning music:

1. Music education uniquely contributes to the **emotional, physical, social and cognitive growth of all students.**
2. **Music students are more likely to be good citizens:** A 10-year US study called 'Champions of Change' found that high school students who participate in arts programs, including school bands, are less likely to be involved with drugs, crime or have behavioural problems.

3. **Musical training can enhance brain function:** Brain imaging techniques (MRI) reveal that musical tasks such as sight-reading musical scores and playing music activate regions in all four lobes of the brain and parts of the cerebellum. Music is one of the few activities which engage the entire brain.
4. Studies show that music students are better equipped to grasp maths and science concepts.
5. **Playing music improves concentration, memory and ability to express feelings**
6. **Music improves concentration and listening skills**
7. **Music develops better self-esteem,** as students are focusing on mastering something new and different to their peers.
8. **Music relieves stress and anxiety-** students have a sense of calm when practicing and playing music together, but also listening to music relaxes them and makes them feel happy.
9. **Creativity-** music nurtures students creative side. Studies have shown that being creative is among the top 5 skills important to being successful in the workforce.
10. **Students with special needs-** Music helps students with special needs open up and has a powerful impact. It helps students communicate and gives them a sense of belonging at school when they immerse themselves in music.

## Terms and Conditions:

### Student Commitment:

1. Students are expected to practice regularly:
  - a. Specific guidelines will be given by their Instrumental Tutors
  - b. As a general rule, students should be completing at least 20 minutes each day, at least 5 times per week.
2. Students will care and take responsibility for their instruments when on campus.
3. Students will attend lessons punctually and with all necessary instruments, books and equipment.
4. All students learning an instrument are required to be a member of at least one College Ensemble respective of their chosen instrument. These include:
  - a. The Junior or Senior Choir
  - b. The College Stage BandThese will involve attending a weekly rehearsal either at lunchtime or after school.

5. Students are expected to be a part of all concerts, eisteddfods, camps, excursions and other activities that their ensembles take part in. Mary MacKillop College will ensure that appropriate notification is given of upcoming events outside of school hours.
6. We ask that students complete one full semester of tuition once enrolled in the program. A student may withdraw from the program after that period, but must provide Mary MacKillop College with **four school-weeks written notice**, signed by both themselves and their parent.

### Parent/ Guardian Commitment:

1. Fees must be paid by the due date, which is generally 14 days after issue.
2. The Instrumental lesson fees are billed & payable separately from the Mary MacKillop College Tuition Fees.

### Student and Teacher Absences:

1. Lessons cancelled by an Instrumental Music Tutor will be made up or not charged on invoice.
2. If a student is unable to attend a scheduled music lesson for any reason (including sport and school events), the Music Coordinator must be notified:
  - a. A minimum of 48 hours' notice is required for planned absences, including school events,
  - b. In the case of an emergency/sudden illness, the Music Coordinator must be notified as soon as possible.
  - c. Where prior notice of illness (e.g. the morning of a lesson) is given, lessons will be made up.
  - d. When no notice of absence is given, or students forget to attend their lesson, the lesson will be billed for. It is the responsibility of the student to attend the lesson, not the Instrumental Music Tutor to find the student.

### College Conditions:

1. Mary MacKillop College reserves the right to vary the instruments offered according to student demand. The College brings in specialist tutors of these instruments, and must maintain an adequate workflow for these tutors.
2. Where the number of students selecting group lessons does not meet the minimum number for the lesson type (e.g. only one student selects the paired vocal lesson option), students will be allocated into the lesson type in order of form return. Any excess enrolments will be required to pay the single lesson fee.

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Application Form

**Student name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Homeroom:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instrument Selection:** *(circle choice)*

Voice	Piano	Drums/Percussion
Guitar	Bass Guitar	Trumpet
Trombone	Saxophone	Clarinet
Flute		

**Lesson Scheme Years 7 to 12:** *(circle choice)*

30 Minute Group Instrumental Lesson	@ \$18/lesson
30 Minute Paired Instrumental Lesson	@ \$22/lesson
30 Minute Individual Lesson	@ \$30+/lesson

**Student Agreement:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to:

- Punctually attend my weekly scheduled lesson time with my, instrument, books & equipment
- Practice regularly, at least 20 minutes per day, over 5 days per week
- Attend all weekly ensemble rehearsals, either during school time, or after school, as required.

**Student signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Agreement**

I/We have read, understood and accept the terms & conditions as outlined in the Mary MacKillop College Music Tuition Guide, and acknowledge that additional Instrumental Tuition fees will be billed on top of Mary MacKillop College Fees.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE HAND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO STUDENT RECEPTION

