



**ST FRANCIS
XAVIER'S**
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



INSTRUMENTAL Program

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"Where words fail, music speaks"

~ *Hans Christian Anderson*

Learning an instrument does more than just teach notes and rhythms—it enriches cognitive development, fosters social connections, and enhances overall enjoyment of life.

Here at St Francis Xavier's School, we are dedicated to offering opportunities for learners to participate, be creative and achieve through our music program.

Our team of music tutors is composed of highly experienced and qualified musicians who are passionate about teaching. They are dedicated to delivering high-quality music tuition tailored to our vibrant school community, serving students from **Year 1 through Year 6**.

Here at St Francis Xavier's, we offer the following instruments for tuition in individual, paired and group lessons:

YEAR 1 – YEAR 6

- Piano
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Drums*
- Voice

To assist with a smooth transition into school, lessons are only offered reception students in their second semester of schooling.

*Please note that ONLY INDIVIDUAL lessons are available for drums.

Lesson Structure

- One 30-minute lesson a week, usually held on a set day and time each week.
- 8-11 lessons per term.
- Year 3 and below picked up from class.
- Year 4 and above are responsible for arriving at their lesson.

Lesson and Associated Fees

- Lesson fees are based upon the number of weeks a tutor is able to work a term. Payable at the beginning of each term, based on \$33 a lesson for individual lessons. Duo \$21 and Group lessons \$20.
- Accounts are payable by the date on the invoice. A late fee of \$15 is incurred after the given date unless prior arrangements have been made with the tutor.
- At the commencement of lessons each year, there is a \$25 per student administration fee.

Individual Lesson Fees

Term 1 - \$330 for 10 lessons
Term 3 - \$330 for 10 lessons

Term 2 - \$330 for 10 lessons
Term 4 - \$297 for 9 lessons

Please note that all of the above fees are assuming that your child will attend a lesson every week of the school term.

Tutors will let you know of their own personal availability, and their fees will be adjusted accordingly.

Duo and Group Lessons

Duo and Group lessons are possible **IF** there are other students of similar age and abilities also wishing to participate.

Piano, Keyboard and Drum lessons are tutored as **Individual lessons only**.

Want more information?

For more information, please email:

- mainslie@sfx.catholic.edu.au

Instrument Hire

Your child will require their chosen instrument to play when their lessons commence.

If you would rather hire than buy, there are a number of instrument hire companies for you to choose from.

We highly recommend Size Music for their quality instruments and excellent service.



For details about private instrument hire, please see the Size Music Website:
size.com.au

Free call: 1800 023 335

Phone: 08 8373 3370

Email: info@size.com.au

Why Hire?

Musical instruments can be expensive, both to buy and maintain.

- Hiring allows you to begin the learning process, without the high purchase cost.
- With Size Music and most other hire companies, regular maintenance or repairs are covered in the hire price.



CONDITIONS OF LEARNING & TUITION FEE AGREEMENT



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the St Francis Xavier's Instrumental Program. This document outlines our Conditions of Learning and the Tuition Fee Agreement. We trust that your child will enjoy their instrumental tuition. Should you have any queries at any time, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Music Tutor direct, or alternatively, Mel in our Music Suite.

ABSENTEEISM

If your child is going to be absent for their tuition for any reason, you must notify the Music Tutor **by phoning him/her by 7:30am** on the day of their lesson. **It is important to be aware that the tutor has reserved the lesson time slot exclusively for your child.**

If your child is away for any reason, lessons will NOT be made up, nor will the fee be refunded.

The **ONLY** exceptions to this rule are:

1. School arranged events such as Camps and Excursions. Under these circumstances, the Music Tutor **is to be notified 1 week prior to the lesson.**
2. If the Music Tutor is unavailable to teach a lesson.

Only under the circumstances above, and if the necessary notification is given, will the tutor endeavour to make up any missed lesson(s). If a make-up lesson is not possible, the tutor will then credit the fee, usually from the next term's fees.

Please note that every effort is made to locate students for their lessons, and students who fail to bring their required equipment/instrument for their lesson will practice music theory only.

PAYMENT OF TUITION

Please note:

- Fees are subject to change at the beginning of each year.
- Accounts are issued by the tutor and are payable directly to him/her.
- All accounts are due 2 weeks from the date of issue on the tutor's account. Accounts not paid within the 2-week period will incur a late fee of \$15.

2023 FEE SCHEDULE

- Individual ½ hour lessons – each student will be charged a fee of \$33 per lesson, each week for the term.
- Shared ½ hour lesson (which is available for **some** instruments) will cost:
 - DUO's - \$21 per student, per week for the term.
 - GROUPS (if sufficient numbers requesting) - \$20 per student, per week for the term

ADMINISTRATION FEE

For each student learning an instrument, there is an annual, non-refundable Administration Fee of \$25 payable to the school. This is payable upon receipt of the school's invoice.

DISCONTINUING LESSONS

One term's notice, to your child's tutor, is required if your child is discontinuing their instrumental tuition lessons.

INSTRUMENTS

Whilst the school takes all reasonable steps to prevent theft or damage to children's property, it is the individual's responsibility to ensure that instruments are kept in a safe place, and not left at school overnight (particularly on weekends).

TUTORS

Please note that to be able to teach in our school, all tutors are required to have or completed the following:

- DCSI Police Clearance
- Public Liability Insurance
- Employee Induction Course
- Basic First Aid
- Responding to Abuse and Neglect



INSTRUMENTAL TUITION



Tuition Commencement

Child's Full Name _____

Room _____

Year _____

Would like to commence Instrumental Tuition on _____

(instrument)

Lesson Preference *Note DRUMS are Individual lessons only

INDIVIDUAL

GROUP (IF there are other participants available)

PAIRED (available IF tutor feels there is a suitable partner match)

Preferred email address _____

Parent phone number: _____

Conditions of Learning & Tuition Fee Agreement

I / We _____

(Parent / Guardian)

of _____

(Child's Full name)

have read the Instrumental Program Conditions of Learning, Tuition Fee Structure & Absenteeism Document, and do hereby agree to abide by it.

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO: mainslie@sfx.catholic.edu.au

Alternatively place in the "Reply Slips" tray in the Music Suite