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CONDITIONS FOR PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

Fees

- Fees are set by the individual Music tutors and not the School. The Macarthur current recommended tuition fee guide is \$45.00-50.00 per half hour lesson. The current individual tuition rate as determined by the Music Teachers' Association is \$94.00 per hour, exclusive of GST. Some peripatetic tutors may charge a little above or below this amount.
- At the beginning of each term, students will be issued an account by the Music tutor listing the number of lessons occurring in the term (excluding examination periods) and stating the total amount due. Occasionally a tutor will invoice at the conclusion of the term.
- Tuition fees are payable for the entire term within two weeks of receiving an account from the tutor. It is recommended payment be made directly with tutors issuing bank details in order to avoid students handling cash payments.
- Students with unpaid fees may not be given further lessons until payment of the full term has been received with missed lessons being forfeited.

Peripatetic Programme

- Instrumental lessons are allocated during school hours 8.00am to 2.30pm. Occasionally lessons will be scheduled after school hours in consultation with the Faculty Head of Music and Performance.
- Enrolment is for the calendar year or the remainder thereof.
- Students will receive lessons on a weekly basis according to the length of each term (excluding examination periods).
- Lessons are thirty minutes in duration and are timetabled during class time. Effort is made to find the most suitable time for each student. Some variation may occur to lesson length and therefore fee payable) due to the learning stage of the students (e.g. senior students at a more advanced learning stage).

Scheduling of Lessons

- Lessons are scheduled on school days.
- Lessons are timetabled on a set day at a set time based on the week A and B timetable. It must be understood that once a student is allocated a lesson time, this is a fixed weekly commitment for the duration of the term.
- Each year lesson times will be rescheduled in consultation between the tutor, parents, and in the case of Kindergarten to Year 6, the class teacher. Tutors are asked to notify the Music Administrator of all changes in teaching schedules.
- No lessons are scheduled during examinations week for Middle School (Years 7 to 9) and Senior School students, unless prior approval has been granted by the Faculty Head of Music and Performance and in consultation with parents.



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Confirmation of Lessons

- Initial notification of the lesson time will be confirmed by email after receipt of Expression of Interest.
- To facilitate direct communication between tutors and parents, at the time of enrolment a student information sheet will be prepared and forwarded to the Music tutor.

Lesson Attendance

- Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be collected by their tutor from their classrooms.
- Years 7 to 12 students are expected to attend their lesson at the scheduled time. Music tutors are not expected to look for students who do not attend lessons. If students do not attend their lesson for any reason, the lesson fee will be forfeited.

Notification of Absence

- Students or their parents must notify the Music tutor directly and advise of non-attendance at least 24 hours in advance if they are unable to attend lessons for any reason, be it a school excursion, in class test, illness or any other reason. Parents and students need to liaise directly and be in contact with the Music tutor to make alternative lesson arrangements. All lessons missed without adequate notification will incur the usual charge.
- In incidences of student illness, notification as soon as possible should be made directly to the Music tutor by the parent.
- When lessons coincide with a School activity, for example sports days, camps, special class excursions or tests, it is the responsibility of the parent and/or student to contact the Music tutor prior to the lesson time and arrange a suitable alternative lesson. Failure to do so will mean the lesson is forfeited and will incur the usual charge.
- In the event of the Music tutor not being available, missed lessons will be rescheduled or if this is not possible no charge will be incurred.

Discontinuation of Lessons

- Written notice of discontinuation of tuition must be formalised and received in writing two weeks prior to the intended termination date and is to be addressed to the Head of Music Performance. In the event of notice not being given fees are payable until lessons are formally cancelled.
- To achieve success and satisfaction when learning a musical instrument, students and their parents need to persevere through periods of frustration and decreased interest. If you have concerns with your child's progress or level of interest please contact your child's Music tutor to discuss.



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Practice

- For progress to take place no matter which instrument is being played or the age of the student, regular practice is the key to success. There are many ways in which you can assist your child achieve their goals. Please discuss the individual requirements and suitable strategies with your child's Music tutor.
- It is essential that each student practise his or her instrument regularly. For beginners this should be approximately 20 minutes per day, five days a week. This amount of time will increase as the student progresses. Music tutors will advise each student as to the amount of time required to practise each day.

Examinations and Performance Opportunities

- Students are strongly encouraged to undertake performance and theory examinations while in the Peripatetic Music Programme.
- Throughout the year a number of performance opportunities have been scheduled for students to participate in both group and individual contexts. Music tutors have details of all concerts and students are strongly advised to participate wherever possible.
- All students receiving Music tuition are encouraged to participate in the extensive Music and Performance Co-curricular Programme. Please see the Co-curricular Information Booklet for further information.

Please contact the Head of Music and Performance, Dr Rebecca Bennison, on 4629 6338 or the Music Administrator, Mrs Asa Absalom on 4629 6269 for any further details or information which you may require relating to your child's lessons, suitability to an instrument or for rental arrangements.

Please retain for future reference