



Mallacoota P-12 College Instrumental Music Program

Mallacoota P-12 College is very pleased to be able to offer an instrumental music program to students from Prep to year 12.

We are planning to offer tuition in a number of instruments. Tuition is dependent on numbers of students and availability of tutors. If your child is interested in learning an instrument **please fill in the attached expression of interest form and return it to the school by Tuesday 26th February.**

Please note that younger and consequently smaller students may find it difficult to play some of the larger instruments. Please bear this in mind when deciding on your preferences.

Where possible, students will be given their first preference. If the teacher for that instrument is fully booked students will either be offered an alternative lesson with another teacher who teaches the same instrument or they will be offered the opportunity to learn a different instrument or they will be placed on a waiting list. We will contact parents individually to discuss options if we are unable to offer a student their first preference.

Students Continuing From Last Year

If your child would like to continue learning their instrument from last year, please fill in the attached expression of interest form so that we can ensure that they retain their place in the program.

Available Instruments

Tuition will be provided where possible for the following instruments:

Instrument	Tutor	Details	Time and Cost
Guitar	To be confirmed	Suitable for primary and secondary students	½ hour lessons Cost to be confirmed
Singing	Amy Davidson and Padma Newsome	Suitable for primary and secondary students	½ hour lessons Cost to be confirmed
Bass Guitar	Rachel Severs	Suitable for older primary and secondary students	½ hour lessons \$20 per lesson
Drums	Robbie Hargreaves	Suitable for primary and secondary students	½ hour lessons \$20 per lesson
Beginner to Intermediate Piano	Alida Beedle	Suitable for primary and secondary students	½ hour lessons \$20 per lesson
Violin	Padma Newsome	Suitable for primary and secondary students	½ hour lessons Cost to be confirmed

Purchasing of Instruments

Students will need their own instrument to participate in the music program. We are endeavouring to build a collection of instruments (especially larger and/or more expensive instruments) for short-term borrowing/hire to enable beginning students to practise without their families having to outlay large sums of money in the short term. If, after a period of time, students wish to continue on with their chosen instrument, then parents will need to purchase an instrument. If you are considering purchasing an instrument please discuss this with your child's instrumental teacher, as they will be able to guide you in the purchase of a suitable instrument.

Weekly Lessons

Students will receive a weekly lesson 30 minutes duration (or longer if pre-arranged).

Lessons will be on a semester rotating timetable where possible, so that students are not withdrawn from the same class all year. Students will be expected to keep up with any work missed in other classes.

Individual Practice

Students are expected to practise every day at home. To begin with, 15 to 20 minutes per day is adequate. The practice time will need to increase after the first year of tuition. The old adage 'practice makes perfect' is very, very true!! It is far better to practise a little bit every day than try and do one very long practice the night before your lesson.

Performances

After students have had some tuition on their chosen instrument they will be able to join in instrumental bands and ensembles (groups). Instrumental students are encouraged to be a part of these music groups and to perform at a variety of functions throughout the year. Playing in a music group and performing is lots of fun and is a very valuable part of learning to play an instrument.

Attendance

Regular weekly attendance at both lessons and rehearsals is part of your commitment to learning an instrument.

If your child is unable to attend their music lesson, please phone your child's instrumental music teacher by 8.00 am on the day of the lesson. If you are unable to contact the teacher directly, please leave a message at the school office by 8.45 am. If the teacher is not contacted beforehand regarding your child's absence you will be charged for the lesson. Please make a note of the following contact numbers:

Alida Beedle: 0429 429 770

Rachel Severs: 51 580 753 or 0432 159 753

Robbie Hargreaves: 0403 651 904

Padma Newsome: 5158 0891

Amy Davidson: 0498 658 095

Costs

Annual Fee Schedule for 2013:

- Minimum of \$20 per ½ hour music lesson. Some tutors may charge a different fee.
- Tuition Book: \$30 approximately. The exact book price depends on the chosen instrument. This fee can be paid when the book is ordered.
- Accompanying CD for Tuition book (if needed): \$30 approximately.
- Music Theory book (if needed): \$20 approximately.

Students may need to replace some consumable instrumental items e.g. strings, reeds etc. throughout the year.

Fees will need to be paid by the following method:

- **Weekly cash payment in a labelled envelope to be left at the office by 9 am on the day of your child's lesson. The tutor will collect fees from the office.**

Please note that all fees need to be paid on time. This is necessary in order for instrumental teachers to be paid promptly and to avoid the school having to carry debt and chase outstanding fees.

Commitment

Students entering the instrumental music program are expected to make a commitment to their chosen instrument for a minimum period of 6 months. This commitment is necessary in order to ensure that students really have a chance to make some progress and to hopefully continue on.

Do I have to buy an instrument?

The school can give you information on hire/purchase schemes with private firms. Because some instruments are relatively inexpensive (e.g. guitars and keyboards) you are better off to purchase the instrument outright, rather than hire one. Instrumental teachers can assist you in finding instruments. Please check with instrumental staff on brands and conditions of instruments before you purchase to make sure they are acceptable. If an instrument is taken care of, its value rarely decreases and in many cases instruments can be sold for the original purchase price.

Further Information

If you have any further queries please contact Tim Cashmore or Lisa Broome at the school on 5158 0254. **Please fill in the following expression of interest form if your child is interested in participating in this program.**

Playing music is great fun and is a wonderful way to spend your spare time or maybe even your future career! Anybody can learn to play an instrument at any age.

Lisa Broome
Instrumental Music Program Co-ordinator

Tim Cashmore
Principal

Expression of Interest for Instrumental Music Program

My child/ren _____ of year _____ has

expressed interest in learning the following instrument:

- 1st preference:

- 2nd preference:

Signed:

_____ Parent/Guardian.

Phone: _____