



St. Peter's Instrumental Program 2021

For children in Years 3 - 6



We are seeking expressions of interest from families who are keen for their child / children to learn a musical instrument in 2021. We have a thriving Instrumental Program at St. Peter's that is producing award winning instrumentalists, bands, ensembles and music scholarship winners.

Children involved in this program develop a keen interest in music and accelerated musicianship skills. Research also suggests that learning an instrument from a young age improves overall academic performance, social skills and self-confidence!

Lessons

Lessons occur once a week and are conducted by a qualified music teacher. The GROUP lessons are 30 minutes long and cost \$15.00 per lesson. Individual lessons are also available by arrangement. Lessons run during the school day on a rotating timetable. Our instrumental tutors are graduates of the Conservatorium of Music and have Working with Children checks and Police Clearances.

Instruments

In 2021, we are offering tuition in the following instruments and are particularly keen to promote our woodwind, brass and **low brass instruments**:

- Flute (Years 4-6)
- Clarinet (Years 4-6)
- Alto Saxophone (Years 4-6)
- Trumpet (Years 4-6)
- **Baritone** [school will provide] (Years 4-6)
- **Trombone** [school will provide] (Years 4-6)
- Guitar (Years 3-6) – limited places for 2020



Concert Band and Guitar Ensemble

Once the children's instrumental skills have progressed to a sufficient level, they'll be invited to join one of our award-winning ensembles. Receiving an invitation to join an ensemble is quite prestigious and the children are highly motivated by this. The ensembles enjoy a number of performance opportunities throughout the year including the Catholic Schools' Performing Arts Festival, as well as the Christmas Concert. Playing in an ensemble greatly accelerates children's musicianship and facility on their instrument. They are also able to apply the technical skills they learn during their lessons to new repertoire and performance situations. Children learn the value of teamwork and achieving goals with their peers. They also learn to listen and have lots of fun in the process.

HOW TO GET STARTED:

- We recommend you research the instruments listed above with your child. Help your child choose their **FIRST** and **SECOND PREFERENCES** and email your 'Expression of Interest' with preferences to marina.powell@cewa.edu.au
- We'll be in touch shortly to confirm a place and which of your chosen instruments is preferred for the 2021 Program.
- Please note, places in this program are limited and **children will be screened for aptitude and suitability**.
- **Parents are responsible for covering the costs of the lessons and instrument hire.**
- We strongly recommend **HIRING** Yamaha woodwind & brass instruments. Please avoid Martin or Aldi brand woodwind and brass instruments as we have experienced problems with these in the past. To avoid disappointment, please consult Mrs Powell before purchasing any instruments.
- Guitar players will need to have their own nylon-stringed, classical, Guitar and will need to be sized before purchasing. Katoch or Yamaha brand, three-quarter or full size, are preferred.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If a student cannot attend a lesson due to illness, the lesson will be carried over as a credit to the following term provided you've notified their tutor on the day by either email or phone call. Please notify the tutor as soon as possible if your child is ill on the day of their lesson.
If a student cannot attend a lesson due to any other reason, it is preferred that at least 24 hours' notice be given. In this case the lesson will be carried over as a credit to the following term.
Unexplained absences will not be carried over as a credit.
Cessation of lessons requires two weeks' notice in writing please. An email will suffice.

