



Preshil  
Co-curricular Music  
Handbook 2017

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## WELCOME

We are delighted to offer Preshil students the opportunity to receive music lessons from private tutors, during the school day and at either end of the day.

Our instrumental music program has been running for many years, providing our students with opportunities to participate in solo and group performances within the school and at functions outside the school. Our tutors are highly qualified, professional musicians who, as well as providing lessons to our students, regularly perform outside of the school.

This program is one part of the total music program at Preshil and supports the school's deep commitment to a vibrant and inclusive musical culture where musical expression is considered a right and an essential element in our community life.

# MUSIC LESSONS

Private tuition is offered at Preshil for a range of instruments.

## Scheduling of Lessons

Lessons are held during the school day, are scheduled according to a rotating timetable and may occur during class time, lunchtime, before and after school. Changes to lesson times may occur owing to illness or professional activities of the teacher and notice of any changes will be given.

## First Lesson

You will be notified of your child's first lesson either by phone or email. Please allow at least 10 days for confirmation from an instrumental teacher. Lessons begin in the second week of each term.

## Fees 2017 (No increase from 2016)

<b>x 8 Lessons</b>		<b>30 min</b>	<b>45 min</b>	<b>60 min</b>
Individual	- Per Term	\$340	\$500	\$640
	- Per Lesson	\$42.50	\$62.50	\$80
Shared*	- Per Term	\$200	\$300	\$400

\*Shared lessons (2 students) may be available at the discretion of the teacher.

## PAYMENT OF FEES

Music lessons will be billed each term to your school account and are payable in advance. Lessons commenced part-way through a billing period will be charged on a pro-rata basis. All billing enquiries should be directed to the Business Manager, Bryce McLean, on 9816 7903.

## INSTRUMENT HIRE

Preshil has a limited supply of instruments for hire. Any students interested in hiring instruments are asked to contact their teacher who can advise the names of recommended suppliers.

## INSTRUMENTS ON OFFER

Bass (Double & Electric), Cello, Clarinet, Drum Kit, Flute, Guitar (Acoustic & Electric), Oboe, Percussion, Piano, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet, Viola, Violin and Voice. If you are interested in some other instrument please let us know and we will explore the possibility of finding a teacher.

## ATTENDANCE

Students will be contacted by their teacher to inform them of lesson times and are expected to attend scheduled lessons without needing to be reminded.

However, Arlington students will be collected from class but every effort will be made to encourage the older students in the 10s and 11s to get themselves to music classes. Students in Year 7 will be given one term to learn how to get themselves to their music lessons. Teachers will collect them from class for the first term only, *if they do not arrive on time*. After this, it is expected that all senior students will know their time and will be able to get themselves to their lesson.

Students who do not arrive on time; will be marked as absent and the lesson will not be made up.

## MISSED LESSONS

**Make-up Lessons** - Scheduled lessons that are missed without notifying the teacher will not be made up and will incur the regular fee. In cases where lessons have been missed due to school events (excursions, exams, camps etc), teacher illness or student issues (where sufficient notice has been received), teachers will make all possible attempts to provide a make-up lesson. Subject to availability this may require, in some cases, a longer lesson. In the event this is not possible, the value will be credited to your account.

**Absences** - If it is known that a child will be absent from school for any reason, parents should report the absence on 9817 6135 before 8.30am on the day.

**Extra Lessons (8 lessons are provided each term)** - In some cases, teachers may provide extra lessons. If this is of interest to you, please contact your teacher to discuss the possibility.

## TERMINATION OF LESSONS

Once a student is enrolled, this is considered ongoing unless notification of termination is provided. When discontinuing lessons, 4 weeks (term time) written notice is required to the Music Administrator at the appropriate campus: Judy O'Donnell at the Secondary Campus ([judy.o'donnell@preshil.vic.edu.au](mailto:judy.o'donnell@preshil.vic.edu.au)) and Lisa Moyle at the Primary Campus ([lisa.moyle@preshil.vic.edu.au](mailto:lisa.moyle@preshil.vic.edu.au)). They will in turn notify the Business Manager and Music Co-ordinator. Please let us know the reasons for termination, as we want to ensure every student is happy and supported by the program.

## MAKING A CHANGE

If you wish to change instruments (4 weeks term time notice required), add another instrument or add another child, please complete a new form and return it to the appropriate office as soon as possible.

## MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

Periodically, and at the discretion of the teacher, students may apply to sit one of the instrumental and theory examinations. For this to occur there should be clear communication and understanding between teacher, parent and student. Parents will be notified of examination details, including fee and accompanist arrangements, if applicable. Discussions regarding examination eligibility should be made directly with the student's instrumental teacher. The AMEB application form will be available on our website here: <http://www.preshil.vic.edu.au/programs/instrumental/>.

For further information about AMEB, please visit the website here: <https://www.ameb.edu.au>

## TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICE

Handy practice Music Tips and Tricks are included under [Parent Resources](#) on the Preshil website. This information will endeavour to inspire and help students to reach their full potential with their musical instrument. Current technological information, such as apps, will also be included in this section.

## OPEN LESSONS

This is an opportunity twice a year (in terms one and three) to attend your child's instrumental lesson and, together with the teacher, set goals, practice timetables and learn how parents can help at home.

## MUSIC NEWS

Each year level Weebly allows parents, students and the community to see what is happening in Preshil music. These are shared, via email link, with the parents in the Kindergarten and Primary School or available on our website for the Secondary school here: <http://preshilmyparts.weebly.com>

## MUSIC CALENDAR

Details of music events are published in the iNewsletter on Compass and the school website here: <https://inewsletter.co/Preshil>

## ENSEMBLES | ALL AGES

Preshil hosts a number of ensembles for students. Some of these occur during the school day and others at either end of the day. Details are posted on the Preshil Website here: <http://www.preshil.vic.edu.au/programs/instrumental/>

# ENROLMENT

To enrol for instrumental music lessons please visit our website and complete our online application:

<http://www.preshil.vic.edu.au/programs/instrumental/>



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