

Flemington Primary School

Instrumental Music Policy



1. PURPOSE AND RATIONALE:

Flemington Primary School offers a user pays Instrumental Program offering tuition in a number of instruments. This program builds on the classroom music curriculum available to all students. The school believes that this extra curricula activity offers children the chance to learn and experience the fun of playing an instrument, and to participate and experience the joy of playing in a musical ensemble.

2. POLICY STATEMENT:

This policy explains how the program can be accessed and the benefits of learning an instrument at school. These include group participation, increased awareness of musical genres, discipline and independent learning, and the sense of accomplishment gained from mastering the skills of making music.

3. DEFINITIONS:

- None

4. ACTION GUIDELINES:

Instrumental lessons are available to students in Grade 1 and above. Students who wish to learn an instrument at the School should complete a Music Expression of Interest Form at the end of Term 4 of the preceding year. Assuming there is sufficient interest and staff, lessons will be scheduled and parents will receive an invoice. Invoices need to be paid at the beginning of each term, prior to lessons commencing. Parents will be invoiced for the number of teaching weeks in each term less one, which will be a make-up week at the end of the term.

Lessons will be held weekly and students expected to attend and practise regularly at home.

Some instruments have an ensemble participation expectation. Students are required to attend ensemble rehearsals on top of their lessons and to practise the material set so that the group can progress as a whole.

Whilst the program is available to all students, restrictions such as cost and availability of instruments can limit numbers or prevent some students from accessing the program. If the finances of the program allow, scholarships will be made available for students for whom cost is a barrier to participation.

5. MONITORING, REPORTING AND REVIEW:

Students involved in the program will be expected to practise regularly at home. They will receive a report from their instrumental teacher at the end of Terms 2 and 4 charting their progress and offering suggestions for improvement. Instrumental teachers are able to be contacted directly by parents during the year to discuss particular issues and any queries regarding the overall program should be addressed to the Music Co-ordinator, Vern O'Hara.

6. RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS:

- Instrumental Music Finances Policy
- FPS Music Expression of Interest Form

7. REFERENCES:

- DET Parent Payments
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/parentpayments.aspx>

8. REVISION HISTORY:

This policy was ratified by School Council in on February 26th, 2018.

It will be reviewed as determined by School Council or every 3 years.