

# Flemington Primary School

## 2024 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

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Dear students, parents and carers,

Flemington Primary School is fortunate to have an outstanding instrumental and choral music program, with a purpose-built music centre and dedicated Instrumental Music teachers who offer private and group weekly lessons, of 30 minutes' duration.

Flemington Primary School offers well-resourced music facilities which include four dedicated instrumental music rooms, a large orchestra/band room, a grand piano and a school hall for concert performances and soirees.

Lessons take place during the school day, with Instrumental Music teachers collecting students from class and returning them at the end of each lesson. The scheduling of lessons varies in response to the requirements of the academic program and the needs of individual students.

Our Instrumental Music teachers are experienced teachers and skilled music practitioners. All have current Working With Children Checks.

Of note is an increase in fees for 2024 that was endorsed by our School Council to ensure that we can meet the costs of salary increases and all that is involved in running a high quality yet sustainable program.

For further information about our program, to arrange for lessons, or to find out more about any of our teachers, please contact our Instrumental Music Coordinator Mr Vern O'Hara.

### KEY DATES

#### 2023

**Friday 17th November** – Expression of interest forms due – please send the form in with your child for lodging at the school office.

**Friday 1st December** – final payment date for Term 4 invoices (note, 2024 lessons will not be open to students who have not settled their account by this date.)

**Monday 14th December** – Confirmation of place for the 2024 program sent out to families.

#### 2024

**Monday 29th January** – Term 1 payment due (note, lessons will not be open to students who have not settled their account by this date.)

**Monday 1 February** – Term 1 lessons commence

## Expressions of Interest are now open for next year's music program.

As well as the Expression of Interest form, in this pack, you will find an outline of instruments available in the program, advice on instrument selection (particularly useful for new students), instrument hire, prerequisites, the fee structure and the expectation for students who participate in the program. We also have key dates and key contacts at the bottom of page 1 and 2 respectively.

### ADVICE ON INSTRUMENT SELECTION AND THEORY CLASSES

#### Year 1 and year 2 students

Recorder, ukulele and percussion classes are an excellent way to begin instrumental lessons. The recorder class is a preparatory class for young students to develop their fine motor skills and their aural and music reading skills in preparation for more complex instruments such as the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet

and trombone. The ukulele is an ideal instrument for young students to learn due to its size and ease to play. If your child is keen to learn the guitar, the ukulele is an ideal instrument to learn beforehand. The percussion class teaches basic percussion technique and develops aural and rhythmic skills.

### Year 3 through to year 6 students

Given the physicality and maturity required to learn more complex instruments, we recommend trumpet, trombone, cello, saxophone, clarinet and flute are considered by students in year 3 and above. This is, of course, in addition to the full suite of instruments we offer in the program.

Trumpet, trombone, cello, saxophone, clarinet and flute are a vital part of our band and string ensembles, and we would encourage new and continuing students to the program to consider learning one of these instruments. Students are also encouraged to learn the cello.

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### LESSON PRICING STRUCTURE

- Individual \$42 per lesson
- Group \$22 per lesson
- Ensemble fee \$155 per year  
((\$40 per term if less than a full year)
- Choir membership \$85 per year

### INSTRUMENT HIRE

- Violin \$50 per term
- Flute/clarinet/cello \$55 per term
- Saxophone/trumpet/trombone \$65 per term

Please note: students learning piano, drums, ukulele, recorder or guitar will need to purchase their own instrument before lessons commence, as the school does not hire these instruments.

### ITEM PURCHASE

- Iron on transfers \$5 each
- FPS Music Satchel \$30 each

### INVOICING

Please note, for classes, you will be invoiced for the number of lessons to be delivered each term. For ensembles, you will be invoiced once (in Term 1) for the whole year. Please don't make payment now, as details for how to pay will be included with the invoices. Please see terms and conditions on the last page for further information about payments and refunds.

### AGE CRITERIA (Due to physical capability)

- Strings – violin/cello Grades 1-6
- Woodwind – flute/clarinet Grades 3-6
- Woodwind – saxophone Grades 4-6  
(Grade 3 students should begin with clarinet or flute)
- Brass – trumpet/trombone Grades 2-6
- Drums Grades 3-6
- Piano Grades 1-6
- Ukulele Grades 1-6
- Recorder/percussion Grades 1-6
- Guitar Grades 2-6
- Voice Grades 3-6

### ENSEMBLES

Our Instrumental Program includes a Senior Choir, Junior Choir, String Ensemble, Concert Band and Senior Rock Ensemble and Junior Rock Ensembles. Students must be prepared to participate in these lunchtime sessions as they become more proficient.

### ACCOMPANIST FEE

Refer to handbook on the school website under "Music Tuition Fees" and the exam entry form which lists suggested accompanying fees.

### KEY CONTACTS

**Mr Vern O'Hara, program co-ordinator:** for questions on tuition and timetabling, or with concerns regarding lessons on [Vern.Ohara@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Vern.Ohara@education.vic.gov.au).

**School office:** Students can bring in Expression of Interest form and hand them to the office.

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### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 year level: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM

- New students: Under the appropriate column for your **2024 year level**, number three instruments 1, 2, 3 in your order of preference. You may not get your first preference, so please select three.
- Continuing students: Under the appropriate column for your **2024 year level**, place a 'C' in the instrument(s) you will continue to learn in 2024. If you wish to commence an additional instrument or theory, place the number 1 under your **2024 year level**.
- Then, for each instrument you have selected, in the **Preferred lesson structure**, number cells 1, 2, 3 so we know your preference for the class size.
- Finally, indicate with a tick under **Instrument hire** if you wish to hire your nominated instrument.

**Please return this completed form to the school office by Friday 17th November 2023.**

	2024 Year level						Preferred lesson structure		Instrument hire
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Indiv.	Group	
Violin									
Cello									
Flute									
Clarinet									
Recorder									
Saxophone									
Trumpet									
Trombone									
Drums									
Piano									
Guitar									
Ukulele									
Drumming class									
Voice									

**Acceptance of conditions and expectations: I have read and understood the conditions and expectations and agree to follow them.**

**PARENT / GUARDIAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME

SIGNATURE

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

# Expectations and conditions

## Instrumental Music Teachers will:

- Provide the student with at least 36 lessons per year. Lessons will not be delivered during the first and last weeks of term 1 & 4 respectively.
- Endeavour to make-up lessons missed due to school events or where prior notice has been given.
- Provide their students and parents with regular feedback on their progress and guidance via music diaries, personal contact, mid and end of year reports and phone calls.
- Provide the opportunity for students to participate in an ensemble when their skills allow, and with the opportunity to perform at school concerts and soirees.
- Provide the students with the opportunity to enrol in external music examinations. Instructors will clearly outline expectations and requirements of both the student and parents regarding the examination process.
- Provide maintenance for hired instruments.
- In coordinating the program, give priority to students already in the program, followed by older children, shared lessons and students learning one instrument.

## Students will:

- Participate positively in the program, and practise regularly – a minimum of 5 days a week. For beginners 10-15 minutes each time, as regular short sessions are more effective than less frequent longer sessions. Your instructor will advise more experienced students on appropriate times.
- Take good care of their instrument – keep it away from food and drink and younger siblings, and protect it from bumps and knocks.
- Arrive on time and be prepared for their lessons and band rehearsals.
- Wear a white t-shirt with the iron on transfer together with blue/black skirt or pants to all performances.

## Parents/Carers will:

- Ensure invoices are paid on time and directly to the school using school administrative programs and systems. (Lessons will not be delivered until all invoices are paid in full and ahead of the term)
- Help children check the time of their lesson, and take and collect their instrument and music on the days of their lesson and band rehearsal.
- Make time for practise and sign the diary to confirm which components have been practised (for example practical, aural, sight reading, technical, general knowledge and repertoire), and for how long.
- Be present while your child is practising to observe, encourage and praise.
- Raise any concerns about child's lessons as soon as possible and advise the school of any absence.
- Purchase Flemington Primary School instrumental / and iron on the FPS Instrumental Music Transfer onto a white t-shirt for performances.
- Be liable for replacement cost of lost or damaged school hired instruments.
- Give the Instrumental Music Co-ordinator a minimum of 2 weeks' notice prior to the end of the current term if you intend to withdraw your child from the program or request a lesson change.
- Understand that, as the core curriculum has priority over the music program, timetables may occasionally change to allow for lessons, excursions and special activities.

**Important note: No refund of fees will be made for withdrawal from lessons during term or for lessons missed due to family holidays or similar absences. Lessons missed due to teacher absence or school-based events, camps or excursions will be made up.**

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