



INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TAS Music Department currently offers the following options for music tuition: piano, violin, viola, cello, double bass, voice, acoustic, electric and bass guitar, flute, piccolo, oboe, alto/tenor/ baritone saxophone, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, percussion, drum kit, recorder, pipe organ, bagpipes, and musicianship.

Once the Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Enrolment Form is completed and returned to the Music Department, your child will be allocated to an appropriate tutor, who will contact you to arrange tuition times. Students who learn an instrument with one of the NECOM tutors who conduct tuition in the TAS Music Centre, will be required to fill out an additional NECOM enrolment form.

Private instrumental and vocal lessons are generally scheduled during class time, in school hours - some tutors do conduct tuition outside school hours. Tutors schedule lessons in conjunction with the Music Department, and with reference to the School timetables. It may be possible to schedule some lessons on a rotating timetable so that students do not miss the same class each week. This will need to be discussed with the peripatetic tutor.

Students in the Junior School will be collected by their tutors from their classrooms in time for their lesson. Although tutors will make every effort to locate students in TAS Middle and Senior Schools if they do not turn up to their lesson, the lesson will be forfeited and will not be made up. Where a tutor is unavailable for your child's regular lesson, they will arrange a make-up lesson at their earliest convenience.

The cost of private tuition varies depending on the tutor. In all cases, billing is managed by the private tutor and fees are payable directly to them. Please note the following important information about tutor billing.

Parents will be sent an account in advance for each term of lessons by the 2nd week of the term. If payment is not made by the specified due date, the instrumental tutor reserves the right to discontinue lessons immediately. New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM) follows a similar policy.

When ready, students will be given the opportunity to take part in a TAS ensemble and/or complete AMEB or Trinity Guildhall examinations. Students undertaking tuition will have the opportunity to perform publicly at least once during the year - with opportunities to perform at school assemblies, Twilight concerts and other events at TAS.

A parent/guardian who opts to enrol his/her child into private music tuition must commit to these lessons for a minimum of one term, although it is usual to continue for the whole school year. When a student wishes to cease lessons, notification must be given to the tutor and to music@as.edu.au by the last week of term, to avoid incurring extra costs. Lessons will not be booked for the following term in that case. Should notice be delayed until the current term, the peripatetic tutor may rightfully charge for the full term.

In the case of student illness, parents are asked to contact tutors directly regarding a child's absence. It is also important that students notify their private tutors at least 48 hours in advance if they are unable to attend lessons due to a school related activity. Appropriate notice could be defined as enough time for the tutor to reschedule lessons to avoid loss of income. If adequate notice is not provided, the tutor reserves the right to forfeit the lesson.

If you have any questions please contact TAS Music Department at music@as.edu.au or Rachael Edmonds at redmonds@as.edu.au