

Instrumental Music Policy

Riverbanks College offers instrumental music lessons provided by experienced teachers. Lessons are provided during school hours, using school facilities for 30 minutes.

Riverbanks College offers tuition in:

Instrumental Music

Trumpet
Trombone
Saxophone (Alto/Tenor)
Electric Guitar
Bass Guitar

Rock school

Drum kit
Voice
Keyboard
Acoustic Guitar

Instrumental Music

Lessons offered by Instrumental Music are free of charge and occur in groups for designated instruments only. Only one instrument may be selected. Students from year 5 can access brass and woodwind group lessons. Students from year 8 can access group string lessons. **Enrolment is for the calendar year.** Students in year 9 – 11 who elect music as a subject will be placed in an allocated group lesson. Hire fees will be required unless students have their own instrument. Classroom instruments are not available for use during instrumental lessons

Wind and brass students are required to participate in the Big Band Program which rehearses Wednesdays 3:10 – 4:15pm. This program is open to any other instrumental student.

Timetabling

Students in the Primary years will have an allocated lesson at the same time each week, rotating each term. They will be collected from the classroom by the instrumental tutor. Secondary students will have a rotating lesson each week. They are expected to check their lesson time on Daymap the morning of the lesson and attend on time. Regular lesson attendance is required for continued tuition in HPI group lesson.

Rock school

Students from year 2 can access Rock school solo lesson. Rock school tutors will invoice families directly. Individual lessons will be charged at \$280 per term. Students will take 8 lessons per term. Families are responsible for paying invoices within 2 weeks. Unpaid invoices will result in lessons being discontinued.

Missed lessons

Students must contact the instrumental teacher to advise of any absence due to sickness, holidays, excursion, camps etc no later than 8am via Daymap, phone call, text message, email. If sufficient notice is given an instrumental teacher may schedule a catch-up lesson in week 9 or 10 of the term. If a student misses a lesson without notice, the lesson is forfeited. If a teacher is absent, they will offer a catch-up lesson in week 9 or 10 or subtract the fee from the next invoice. (Rock school only)

Reports

Students will receive an instrumental report each semester. Students will also be offered the opportunity to participate in the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) exams and AMEB Rock school exams upon request.

Rock school withdrawal from lessons

Withdrawal from lessons can only be done at the end of each semester. Notice needs to be given by the end of week 8 to avoid being charged for the next term and to allow for timetable changes.

Ensembles

Instrumental students are strongly encouraged to participate in ensembles:

- Festival of Music Choir (Year 5/6)
- Big Band – Wednesday 3:10 – 4:15pm
- Year 4 – 6 Come ‘n’ Try Band – Term 1 & 2 during school hours (if adequate demand)

This is expected to change and evolve as our school grows to welcome new year levels. Ensembles will perform at Riverbanks Rocks and Arts Showcase evenings throughout the year.

Instrumental Hire

The following instruments can be hired through the school. Hire fees are charged per term. Instruments will be provided upon receipt of the first term payment.

Electric, Acoustic & Bass Guitar – \$40
Electric Guitar Amplifier - \$40
Trumpet, Trombone, Alto & Tenor Saxophone – \$80

Instrumental Storage Room Access

Students who are hiring instruments will have access to the storage room through a key card collected from the music classroom or front desk when required. Access cards only open the student storage room RCH.18 and if tapped on other doors can trigger alarms. Students will lose the right to an access card if they do not use it responsibly.

Tutor Books

Selected instrument groups will be allocated a tutor book from the library to use for the year. These need to be cared for as a library book and returned at the end of the year to avoid a replacement cost.

Instrumental Showcase

Students will be encouraged to participate in an instrumental showcase “Riverbanks Rocks” in Term 3, which will also involve the ensembles. Due to the extensive investment in instrumental tutors, there is an expectation that students accessing free HPI group lessons participate in the performance.