

Instrumental Tuition Policy

At Alphington Grammar School, we strongly encourage our students to participate in Instrumental Music Lessons. Studies have found that learning an instrument can enhance a child's overall health and wellbeing, and increase stamina.

1. Aim:

- 1.1. Students are encouraged to become involved in the vibrant musical life of the School by participating in one or more of our orchestras, bands, choirs or ensembles that complement our Instrumental Music Program.
- 1.2. Throughout the academic year, these groups perform in School Concerts, Award Evenings, Open Days and School Assemblies. In addition, the school performs for special events including the Lonsdale Street Festival. The Annual Music Concert is performed at the Centre Ivanhoe and Instrumental Soloist Evenings are also held throughout the year.

2. Lessons:

- 2.1. Instrumental lessons are undertaken in semester blocks; there are 16 lessons provided per semester. These classes take place during school hours on a rotating timetable to ensure that students do not miss the same lesson each week and there is minimal disruption to schoolwork. Students are expected to make up any class work missed.
- 2.2. It is assumed that the student will continue instrumental classes from one semester to the next. Notice of withdrawal from the program is required in writing. Six (6) weeks notice must be given prior to the end of each semester of intentions to discontinue tuition. Music staff are employed based on the number of students and lessons taught each week. Fees are paid by the semester (in advance), with no refunds given unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- 2.3. Students will receive progress reports throughout the year. Parents/parent liaison may also request a telephone interview with an Instrumental Teacher.

3. Absences:

- 3.1. All correspondence should be sent to the Music Administrator at music@ags.vic.edu.au
- 3.2. Parents/parent liaisons are responsible for advising the Music Department by 08:00am via email if their child is unable to attend a lesson for any reason, allowing time to inform the instrumental teacher. Under such circumstances a lesson will be rescheduled.
- 3.3. Lessons missed by students (including excursions, camps, suspensions and holidays) without prior warning will not be rescheduled, are counted as a lesson taken and will be charged accordingly.

4. Fees:

- 4.1. Instrumental fees will be invoiced by semester, ie. Semester 1 in Term 1 and Semester 2 in Term 3. Please note that international students are required to pay semester fees upfront with accounts.
- 4.2. Individual instrumental fees in 2023 are \$1774 per annum (\$887 per semester), equalling 32 x 30 minutes per annum (16 x 30 minutes per semester).
- 4.3. The School reserves the right to exclude a student from participating in the instrumental program whilst any part of the School fees and charges are outstanding.
- 4.4. The School also reserves the right to suspend or exclude a student if, in the opinion of the School, the student is guilty of unacceptable or poor behaviour. Under such circumstances, instrumental fees will be refunded on the basis of lessons paid for and not taken by that student.