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 academic performance, language and social skills, stamina, overall health and wellbeing.

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 at the Annual Music Concert at the Centre Ivanhoe, VCE Awards Evening, Open Day, School Assemblies and special events such as the Lonsdale Street Festival. Instrumental Soloist Evenings are also held throughout the year.

2. Lessons:

2.1. Sixteen (16), 30-minute, individual lessons are provided per semester. Lessons are scheduled on a rotating timetable to ensure that students do not miss the same classes each week. Students are expected to make up any class work missed.

2.2. All families receive a copy of instrumental timetables at the start of each Term. It is the responsibility of students in Years 5 and above to ensure that they attend their lessons at the correct time. Students in Years 1 to 4 are collected from their classroom by their instrumental teacher.

2.3. Any amendments to the term schedule will be provided to parents in writing well in advance of the student's next scheduled lesson.

2.4. Enrolments are carried over from one year to the next. Please refer to Clause 5 for further information on the termination of lessons.

3. Fees:

3.1. Instrumental lessons will be billed by Semester in two installments. Semester 1 is billed in Term 1 and Semester 2 is billed in Term 3.

3.2. 2027 Instrumental Lesson Fees are $1,087 per Semester ($2174 per annum), equalling 16 x 30-minute lessons per Semester (32 x 30-minute lessons per annum)

3.3. Pro-rata adjustments to lesson fees will be made if a student commences part-way through a Semester.

3.4. The School reserves the right to exclude a student from participating in the Instrumental Music Program whilst any part of the School fees and charges are outstanding

3.5. The School reserves the right to exclude a student from participating in the Instrumental Music Program if they are suspended from the School for unacceptable or poor behaviour.

4. Absences:

4.1. *Illness*

If a student is sick and cannot attend their scheduled music lesson, parents or parent liaisons must email the Music Administrator (**Email: music@ags.vic.edu.au**) and the Instrumental Teacher by 8:00am.
The missed lesson will either be rescheduled or not charged.

4.2. *Holidays/School absences*

The School's Terms and Conditions do not permit refunds of annual school fees when students are on family holiday or withdraw early from the School. In line with this, instrumental lessons missed for these reasons will not be rescheduled or refunded.

4.3. *School camps, excursions and formal exams*

If a timetabled lesson clashes with planned school camps, excursions, formal tests (eg. NAPLAN) or examinations, the lesson will either be rescheduled or not charged.

4.4. *Teacher absence*

If a teacher misses a scheduled lesson, it will either be rescheduled or not charged.

5. Termination of lessons

5.1. Written notice of withdrawal from the Instrumental Music Program must be sent to the Music Administrator (music@ags.vic.edu.au). Please do not send notice of withdrawal to the instrumental teacher.

5.2. Notice of withdrawal must be given six (6) weeks prior to the end of a Semester if a student is not continuing lessons in the next Semester/Year.