



FAITH

LUTHERAN
COLLEGE

2022 INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUITION PROGRAM



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Welcome

Welcome to the 2021 Music Instrumental Program at Faith. Instrumental and vocal tuition is available to all Faith students. Formal instrumental tuition is only **compulsory** for **music instrumental elective students** in Year 8 and 9, either at Faith or elsewhere. Music is a full elective subject from Year 8 through to Year 12. At Year 12 level a wide range of musicianship (theory), technology and performance units may be studied.

Conditions of Instrumental Tuition

Instrumental and vocal lessons cannot commence for a student until the tuition application form has been completed and signed.

Instrumental Options

CELLO	GUITAR	TROMBONE
CLARINET	OBOE	TRUMPET
ELECTRIC BASS	PERCUSSION	VIOLA
FLUTE	PIANO	VIOLIN
FRENCH HORN	SAXOPHONE	VOICE

Other instruments can be negotiated.

Arrangement between Parents and Instructor

Instructors are not employed by the College to provide these lessons. Where parents request a lesson, the College will refer them to one of a number of instructors who have indicated their availability and whom the College is prepared to recommend. The parent(s) and instructor will then enter into an agreement for the instructor to provide lessons, in return for a fee to be paid by the parent(s). The College is not a party to this agreement.

Role of the College

The College will also enter into an agreement with any instructor who offers to provide their services to parents and whom the College is prepared to recommend. This agreement will set out the terms on which the College is prepared to allow instructors access to the College for the purpose of conducting lessons. Those terms will include certain expectations as to how lessons will be scheduled to ensure that lessons can be conducted with minimal disruption and inconvenience to all concerned.

The agreements with instructors will also include certain expectations as to the behaviour of instructors, consistent with the College's duty of care to its students and staff. However, while the College will endeavour to ensure that instructors are suitably qualified for providing lessons and behave appropriately towards students, parents should understand that the College can give no guarantees in this regard.

Instrument Purchase

Students are encouraged to purchase their own instrument where possible. It is advisable to consult with instrumental staff regarding a suitable instrument prior to any such purchase.

Instrument Hire

If you wish to hire an instrument this is arranged through the College. The Music Assistant handles all matters as required.

Some College instruments are available for hire for beginners at a reduced rate. Please contact Mrs Chris Mardle (Instrumental Music Coordinator) for further assistance.

PERCUSSION: If you do not own a drumkit, a glockenspiel and drum practice pads may be used instead. There are options to hire/buy these items as well as opportunities to practice on the school equipment during break times.

Tuition Fees and Payment of Accounts

All instrumental and vocal teachers recommended by Faith are private instrumental teachers and the tuition fees are payable direct to the relevant teacher.

Instrumental teachers will give an account for each semester or term. You will receive this account in the first two weeks of each term or semester, and it is **payable within 14 days**. Please contact the teacher concerned if special circumstances prevent you from meeting this timeline and they will do their best to negotiate a suitable arrangement with you.

The rate per lesson will be quoted on the account. Fees vary slightly between different teachers, usually about \$26.00 - \$29.00 per half hour lesson.

Under no circumstances are parents permitted to alter any details on accounts given. Any questions about an account are to be addressed directly to the instructor concerned. Parents are welcome to contact the instrumental teacher if required.

Students are not permitted to continue lessons in any term if there are outstanding fees.

Timetable

The Music Assistant prepares the instrumental lesson timetables on a rotational basis and these are displayed on the notice board in the corridor of the Music Centre.

It is up to each student to check these timetables in advance, including the morning of their scheduled lesson. **It is the responsibility of the student** to read the timetable, know when their lesson is and carefully note any changes. If students have a test that clashes with their instrumental lesson, then **it is up to the student to organise a swap with the Music Assistant**.

Students excuse themselves from class in order to attend a scheduled lesson. They are required to return to their appropriate class immediately after the rostered lesson. A student sign-in kiosk is located in the Music Centre corridor for students to use before and after each instrumental lesson.

Year 12 Instrumental/Voice Lessons are scheduled in one of their study periods, at lunchtime, after school, in a music subject lesson or in a mutually agreed upon time.

Student Absence

Illness/Appointments: If a student is going to be absent from a lesson because of sickness or other unavoidable reasons, parents must let the **Music Assistant** or Student Services know as soon as possible on the day of the lesson. The instructor may be able to arrange a catch-up lesson at a later date but **is not** obliged to do so. Instrumental teachers are not required to make up the lesson or lose income because of a student's absence.

Official College Functions: If a student is unable to attend a lesson due to an official school excursion/event then it is up to the student to discuss this with the **instrumental teacher concerned and the Music Assistant** as soon as possible **or via a parent phone call or email**. In this case the instrumental teacher will either attempt to arrange an alternative time to make up the lesson or subtract the fee from the next term's account. However, the teacher will not be obliged to make up the lesson or adjust payment if the notification of an absence is not well in advance.

If there are particular school events that affect an individual student's lesson time – eg. camps, exams, excursions, community service or sporting events, **it is the student's responsibility to check well ahead for any clashes and then discuss these with the Music Assistant** who will be more than happy to assist.

Teacher Absence

If teachers are absent, they will either make up the missed lesson/s or deduct fees from the next term's account.

Tutor Books/ Repertoire/ Consumables

Most instrumental teachers will recommend a tutor book which the students must purchase for their tuition. The appropriate book will be ordered by the College and the cost of the book added to fee accounts. This system will also occur for ongoing repertoire books or sheet music as needed. Other requirements can be ordered as the need arises.

Instrumental Repairs

If a hired instrument is in need of repair, students are to take the instrument to Mrs Mardle. The instrument must have a note explaining the nature of the repair needed.

Please Note: The hire charge covers normal wear through correct use of the instrument. However, this does not cover strings on violin, viola, cello and guitar; and reeds on clarinet,

oboe and saxophone. The cost of repair because of damage through misuse of and carelessness with the instrument is the responsibility of the student/parent.

Photocopying and Copyright

Teachers do not supply students with photocopies of music from their personal collection as this infringes copyright laws. Any photocopies for students under AMCOS licencing agreements remain the property of the owner and **must be returned** after use. Wherever possible students should purchase the original printed music from an authorised supplier.

Expectations

ATTENDANCE: Students **must attend** as scheduled on the timetable.

PRACTISE: Students are encouraged to practise every day on a regular basis. As a general guide, year 8s should practice 15 minutes per day; year 9s 30 minutes; year 10 and 11s 45 – 60 minutes; year 12s 60 – 90 minutes daily.

INSTRUMENTS: The name of the student should be clearly labelled on the outside of the instrument case. Instruments should be taken home regularly in order to practise. The College cannot be held responsible for any instruments that may disappear after school hours.

ASSESSMENT: An instrumental report will be issued at the end of each semester.

Withdrawal from Lessons

Once an agreement to provide lessons has been made, the agreement will last for the remainder of the school year.

If it is necessary for a student to be withdrawn from lessons, this should take place at the end of a given term. **Written notification from the parents to the Head of Music and the instrumental teacher involved is required at least two weeks prior to the end of that term**, otherwise an additional term's fees may be charged.

Students studying music as a subject are **unable to withdraw** from instrumental tuition during the school year unless written approval is given by the Head of Music.

Music Elective Students: Class Ensembles and Solo Performance

Year 7 students can be part of the instrumental program and join any of the suitable performance ensembles listed below. They will also be able to use and learn music skills in the Creative Arts subject as well as a range of electives.

Year 8 and 9 students will be part of a relevant class ensemble. Students are required to practise this music and take it to their instrumental lessons as needed. Naturally, this will be integrated with work from tutor books or other material.

Years 10, 11 and 12 students have a schedule of solo and/or group performances for each term. Students must choose an appropriate solo piece, prepare it well in conjunction with the instrumental/vocal teacher and then perform it on the date specified. Again, students must take the initiative and ensure that the instrumental/vocal teacher is aware of their performances and work together with their teacher in order to be prepared for all performances.

Performance Ensemble

We encourage all students learning an instrument to join one of our co-curricular performance ensembles. These groups may include the following: Senior Vocal Ensemble, Intermediate Vocal Ensemble, Jazz Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Rock Band, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Production Band, Student Worship Band.

The Faith Lutheran College is proud of its music program and welcome all students to enjoy the opportunities in this faculty.

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