

# Instrumental lessons at G.S.C

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Currently limited vacancies available.



*Currently there are a number of limited vacancies in Brass, Woodwind, Strings, Guitar, Drums, Piano and Voice in semester two. If you are interested in learning a musical instrument within the School Instrumental Program now is the time apply. For full details of program see below.*

# Instrumental Music Program 2019

*So much more than just Music Lessons*

Gisborne Secondary College gives students a range of musical experiences that focus on student participation in a variety of ensembles and weekly lessons. The program is based in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) which includes the Barcham Theatre, a rehearsal room, three practice rooms, two classrooms and a dance/drama studio.

Activities that students can participate in include a major performance at the end of semester one, lunchtime concerts, Soirees, and the very popular "Play for Pizza" afternoon. Students can learn a range of instruments including voice, flute, clarinet, saxophone, euphonium, trumpet, trombone, violin, cello, piano, guitar, bass guitar, banjo and drums. Some instruments are more popular than others and the number of students applying may be higher than the places available.

For this reason, students may be placed on a waiting list if not already allocated a place. Alternatively, students are encouraged to trial their second or third preference instrument. Instrumental tutors will invite the interested students on the waiting list for a trial lesson as these places become available. Lessons will be offered to students on a *first to pay first allocated to lessons* system. **Please do not pay for lessons before you receive a written confirmation of instrument allocation.**

## **RULES OF THE PROGRAM:**

**LESSONS FEES: \$200 FOR 35 MIN GROUP LESSONS OR**

**\$300 FOR 35 MIN INDIVIDUAL LESSONS**

**FEES PAYABLE PER SEMESTER**

**INSTRUMENT HIRE: \$150 PER SEMESTER**

**New students** to the program may have 1 demonstration lesson with the instrumental tutor. After this lesson fees and instrument hire fees must be paid 1 semester in advance before instruments are allocated and lessons commence. Places in the lessons/ instruments will be held for 2 weeks from the date of the demonstration lesson before being offered to other students. Alternatively, a payment plan can be organised with the Finance Office.

**Continuing Students** will need to pay 1 semester in advance before lessons commence. Students have 2 weeks from the first day of term 1 to pay for the semester before they are placed back on the waiting list and their lesson time allocated to other students.

## **ENSEMBLE PARTICIPATION**

Ensembles are held at various times in the Performing Arts Centre. The purpose of the ensemble program is for students to develop a range of performing skills in a group setting as well as gain confidence and make new friends.

- **Concert Band (open to all) – Monday lunch**
- **Junior Band – Wednesday lunchtime**
- **Music Theatre (vocal group) – Wednesday lunch**
- **Guitar Ensemble – Tuesday lunch**
- **Percussion Ensemble – Thursday lunch**

Participation is highly recommended and encouraged. It is an expectation that once a student commits to an ensemble they attend rehearsals as regularly as possible.

Instrumental tutors will advise students of their ensemble placement and check attendance regularly.

### **LESSON TIMES:**

Lessons are timetabled on a rotating basis during class time and timetables will be placed on the Performing Arts Centre windows. Lessons are normally for half a period. This means that students do not miss the same subject more than once.

Instrumental Music tutors are not expected to find students and students who regularly miss lessons may be asked to discontinue in the program to make room for students on the waiting list.

### **MISSED LESSONS:**

Students who miss lessons due to a College Event, Camp, illness or tutor's illness will have their lessons credited. Students present at school who fail to attend their lessons will not be credited. It is the responsibility of the student to be punctual, organised. It is at the tutors' discretion to make up lessons.

### **CONCERTS/ EXCURSIONS:**

During the year a number of performances will be organised both during school time and evenings. If a student cannot attend, we ask to be informed as soon as possible. Families will be notified of performance dates as soon as they are arranged via newsletters and letters home.

## **OTHER COSTS:**

Most instruments will require consumables (reeds, strings, oil, drumsticks, plectrums etc.) The instrumental tutor will advise. These items will be available for purchase at the college. Prices vary from \$1- \$20 depending on the item. Alternatively, you can purchase them from a music store.

Students will be expected to buy a Tutor Book as advised by the tutor. In most cases these will be available at the college and may cost between \$20 and \$35.

## **THEORY:**

For those students in their 2nd year of lessons on any instrument it is advised to work on a Music Theory Workbook of the appropriate grade even if not wishing to do the exam.

## **MUSIC EXAMS:**

All students will be encouraged to enter for AMEB or ANZCA exams in Music Performance or Music Theory/Musicianship. Ask your instrumental tutor for further details such as costs, dates and other requirements.

We look forward to working with your student in the Music Department.

Please contact the college if you have any questions or would like to change your student's instrument preferences.

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