

# A Comprehensive Music Programme

Newcastle Grammar has a proud tradition of musical achievement and dedicated Music Staff who encourage Students to compose and listen to the very best of their ability.

Music is encouraged from an early age and Students are given many opportunities to explore different instruments and styles of music. Music is a compulsory part of the classroom curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 8 and is offered as an elective subject from Years 9 to 12.

## Music Programme

### Park Campus

At Park Campus, Students are all involved in class music lessons for thirty minutes every week. As well, they are in one of the three choirs - Minims, Semitones and Tones which rehearse for thirty minutes every week.

Choirs from Park Campus perform regularly at major School calendar events. Variety Night is an evening featuring musical items from all Students from Park Campus. End of Term Assemblies, an Easter Breakfast, Founders' Day and Grandparents' Day all provide opportunities for students to perform.

In addition to the weekly Music lesson, Students in Year 3 and 4 are all allocated a string instrument (Violin, Viola, 'Cello or Double Bass) and undergo weekly small group tuition for two years on their instrument from a team of specialist players. During the year, Students participate in workshops and concerts with guest tutors.

### Hill Campus

As part of the Years 5 & 6 curriculum, all Students have music lessons and are involved in a Wind and Brass programme where they have an opportunity to try an instrument for a year. Keyboard classes are offered as part of the curriculum to all Year 7 Students in a Keyboard Laboratory. In Year 8, the practical component entails learning the Guitar. Students may also join the Concert Band or Choir (Grammarphones). Students are offered Elective Music in Years 9 & 10 and, in Years 11 & 12, both Course Music I and Music II and Extension are offered. All Students who undertake Music Electives are encouraged to be involved in the School's co-curricular programme and are given many performance opportunities.

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# Policy

Students enrolling in private music tuition are reminded that this is a serious commitment that requires an undertaking on the part of the Student to attend lessons and associated activities and to carry out all practice tasks set by the Teacher.

It is the Student's responsibility to attend, on time, all scheduled lessons. No refund will be given for missed lessons unless 24 hours notice is given. The Teacher will endeavour to find a replacement time, however, they are not obliged to do so. This includes lessons missed due to equipment/instruments being forgotten. It is also the Student's responsibility to notify Teachers of absence due to excursions, etc. Extra lessons may be given (charged separately) at the discretion of the Teacher.

The Practice Planner and the Student's Programme Book must be taken to every lesson. The work for the week and comments are recorded in the Practice Planner and the Programme Book is also a dispensation for the class Teacher if needed.

If a Student wishes to cease lessons, a minimum of half a term's notice must be given.

Teachers will provide accounts at the start of each term. Tuition fees are payable to the tutor within a three week period of receiving your account.

Rented instruments are each Student's responsibility. Any loss or damage must be reported immediately to the Director of Music for insurance purposes.

## Fee Structure Per Term

Effective as of 1/1/2014

Minimum charge:	\$36 per half hour
Music craft classes:	
Grades 1-3	\$60 per term
Grade 5	\$65 per term

## Lesson Times

Students arrange their lesson time with their respective Teachers. This may be during or after School, depending on the Teacher's availability and Student preference. As we have a fortnightly timetable, while a Student may have a lesson at the same time each week, they will not miss the same subject twice in that cycle. Classes missed are at the discretion of either the Head of Park Campus or Head of Learning and Teaching.

# Group Lessons

Group lessons are available for beginner Students and are subject to the availability of Teachers.

## Ensembles

Students learning an instrument are strongly encouraged to play in at least one School ensemble upon reaching the required standard. These include choirs, wind and string orchestras, concert bands, jazz bands and individual ensembles for brass, clarinet, flute, percussion, saxophone and guitar.

## Examinations

Reports are provided for all Students learning an instrument at the end of each semester.

External examinations (eg. AMEB and Trinity) may be undertaken subject to the recommendation of the individual Teacher.

## Instrument Hire

It is recommended that each Student has his or her own instrument. However, there is a limited number of instruments for hire from the Music Department. Any loss or damage of School instruments must be borne by the Parents. Instrument accessories (and the replacement of them), i.e. reeds, strings, etc. are the responsibility of the Student. In no circumstances are repairs to be carried out by the hirer.

## Hire Charges Per Semester

The following instruments are available for hire from Newcastle Grammar School (subject to availability):

Violin, Cello, Viola, Double Bass,	
Clarinet, Flute:	\$100.00
Saxophone, Oboe, French Horn,	
Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba:	\$125.00

Other instruments may be hired by private arrangement with Musiccorp.