

Instrumental Music Programme



Year 7 2008

Playing a musical instrument has many benefits, both in the long and the short term. The college values arts education, and as part of our classroom music programme, all Year 7 & 8 students undertake instruction on keyboard, guitar and voice.

Any student learning an instrument may develop their abilities in the following areas:

- **listening skills**
- **creativity**
- **social co-operation**
- **fine motor skills and co-ordination**
- **organisation**
- **artistic appreciation**

With your child learning an instrument they can develop in all of the above areas whilst having a fabulous time making music. This can lead to a life-time hobby in music or perhaps even a career in the performing arts!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT YEAR 7

The main aim of our programme is to get students playing and performing music together in groups. **Participation in the programme involves one 50 minute group lesson per week (or one 25 minute private lesson per week), and at least one ensemble rehearsal per week (as well as involvement in any performances, concerts or tours.)**

Our ensembles for 2008 will include:

- **Concert Band**
- **Percussion Ensemble**
- **College Orchestra**
- **Vocal Ensemble**

We offer tuition on the following instruments:

Woodwind* [*flute, clarinet and saxophone*]

Trumpet and trombone

Violin, viola, cello and string bass

Percussion [*orchestral percussion – not drum kit*]

Voice

(*Guitar, drum kit, and keyboard are offered for tuition from Year 8 onwards*)

* Students choosing woodwind will be allocated a particular instrument by the teacher during Term 1, based on teacher assessment of suitability and student interest.

TUITION COST

The cost for **group** lessons [*3 or 4 students learning together*] will be as follows:

\$ 400.00 for the year [*32 weeks x 50 min. lessons*]

The cost for **paired** lessons [*one teacher to two students*] will be as follows:

\$500.00 for the year [*32 weeks x 50 min. lessons*]

The cost for **private** lessons [*one teacher to one student*] will be as follows:-

\$ 700.00 for the year [*32 weeks x 25 min. lessons*]

HIRE OR BUY?

Whilst the college does offer instrument hire options for strings, brass & woodwind (*not percussion*), we strongly encourage families to purchase instruments where possible. Purchasing an instrument is more economical in the long term, and nothing develops a student's enthusiasm quite like owning a brand new instrument. Whether you hire or buy it's important to understand the possible purchase costs involved.

BUYING

Here are some examples of the costs of purchasing new student instruments (*in approximate 2006 prices*):

Trumpet - \$ 600 - 900 Trombone - \$800 – 1200

Clarinet - \$600 – 900 Flute- \$900 – 1100

Alto Saxophone - \$1300 – 2200

Tenor Saxophone - \$1500 - 3000

Violin - \$150 – 900 Viola - \$250 – 900

Drum Kit - \$1000 - 1500.

If you do wish to purchase an instrument, the Music Coordinator can be contacted for advice on possible contacts.

HIRE COSTS

Woodwind, Brass and String instruments (*not percussion*) can be hired from the school at a cost of **\$150 per annum**.

LESSONS

Students receive lessons during normal class time but because of our rotating timetable your child should not miss out on the same lesson more than a few times each semester. This should not be of great concern for most students.

The college subsidises this programme to an extent, as we want to see music continue to grow at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College with as many students involved as possible. So we expect a solid and serious commitment from students and parents before signing up. Students must join for a year to begin with, and be totally dedicated to performing well. **There are various conditions on the enrolment form which you need to read carefully before applying to join the programme.**

If you do wish to enrol, complete the attached form, sign and date it, and return it to the school by **Friday 30th November 2007**.

There are a limited number of instruments available and enrolments will be accepted in the order they are received. If you have any further queries about the programme, please contact me at the St. John's Campus on 9296 5311.