



Instrumental Music Program  
**Information Booklet**



# 2026 Instrumental Music Program

Marymede Catholic College has a vibrant music department with a strong team of professional musicians as well as dedicated and experienced teachers. As we look to continue growing the Music program that is offered here at Marymede, together with excellent facilities, the program is well equipped to provide every student with outstanding opportunities to develop their musical talents. The Music Department at Marymede Catholic College invites you to join an enriching and rewarding program that is fundamental to the Marymede experience.

## Instruments

The college currently offers instrumental music lessons for the following instruments:

Voice

Drums

Flute

Trumpet

Violin

Piano

Guitar & Bass

Clarinet

Trombone

Cello

Music Theory

Saxophone

## Lesson Duration

All lessons run for 30 minutes. Some shared lessons may be extended to 45min and include up to 3 students. This is to allow for teachers collecting students from various levels and walking across campus (Year 1-4 only). It is recommended that students studying VCE Music or sitting AMEB Grade 5 and above to be enrolled in 45min lessons after consultation with the Director of Music.

Shared lessons are available depending on the suitable matching of ability and age, as determined by the Instrumental Teacher and Director of Music. The Director of Music will be in contact with families should this option not be available. Shared lessons can run with a maximum of 3 students per lesson.

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Primary	Year 1 - 6	Private 30 minutes	or Shared 30 minutes
Secondary	Year 7 - 10	Private 30 minutes	or Shared 30 minutes
	Year 11 & 12	Private 45 minutes only	

## Instrumental Music Timetables

Music timetables are scheduled around College events/activities however sometimes not all events/activities are made aware to music teachers or admin. Therefore, if you're aware of any that do not appear on the College Calendar please inform us to ensure we can best support your child's learning.



## Instruments Lesson Fee Structure

Fees for Instrumental Music Lessons are invoiced by the College on a Semester basis (16 lessons) Fees are payable within 14 days of receiving the invoice.

If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact the Finance Office or our Music Administration.

Please know that the College will NOT provide refunds to families who decide to discontinue instrumental lessons before the end of a semester.

### Private Lessons

Years 1 - 10	Private	30 minutes	\$800	16 lessons per semester
Years 11 - 12	Private	45 minutes	\$1,200	16 lessons per semester
Year 12	Private	45 minutes	\$900	12 lessons Semester 2

### Shared Lessons

Year 1 - 10	Shared	30 minutes	\$600	16 lessons per semester
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# Instrumental Hire - Damage - Loss and Maintenance Levy

## Instrumental Hire Levy \$125 per semester

Instrument hire is available to beginning students on various instruments, to assist families when planning to purchase a musical instrument. Depending on availability, some instruments can be hired from the College. This levy covers the cost of repair and annual cleaning and maintenance of instruments.

Parents are encouraged to purchase an instrument after the first year of tuition. The Music Department is happy to advise on the purchase of musical instruments and can also encourage a great price from reputable music shops. If students already own their instrument, they are reminded to bring their own instrument from home to every weekly lesson.

A fee may be applicable to families for students who continue to forget to bring their instrument to the Music lessons. If students own their own instrument but would prefer NOT to bring it to school for weekly lessons, then this fee will apply.

## Damage / Lost Instrument

If damage or loss occurs of a college instrument or resource, families will be required to cover the cost (repairs or full replacement).

## Instrumental Maintenance Levy \$100

This levy is an annual fee applicable to all Instrumental Music students who use any Marymede Catholic College instrumental rooms, music resources, instruments (Piano & Drums) and covers the cleaning, maintenance and repair that takes place throughout the year.



## Primary Student lessons

Students in Years 1 - 4 will be escorted to and from their music lesson by their instrumental teacher. Students in Years 5 & 6 will be escorted to and from their music lessons for term 1 and then after this, students will be responsible in remembering their Music Lesson and begin making their own way to the Performing Arts Building – where they will meet their Music Teacher along the way.

## Secondary Student lessons

Students in Year 7-12 are expected to know their timetable and attend their lessons independently. Upon arriving to their lessons, students will sign in at the Performing Arts Building for their lesson. A class pass will then appear on their class timetable/roll on SIMON. Lessons will rotate weekly so that there are minimal disruptions to the timetable and scheduled class time.

## Music Theory Lessons

Music Theory Lessons are also available, and all students who are completing AMEB Practical exams, should also complete Music Theory Exams as they progress through their Practical Grades. Students are recommended to commence Music Theory Lessons once they attain Grade 2 or above in their chosen instrument. Music Theory Lessons are in addition to the Instrumental and Classroom Music Lessons.



# Absences

## College Approved Activities

If a student is going to be absent from school due to a College Approved Activity it is the responsibility of the student to inform their Instrumental Music teacher. The Instrumental Music teacher will endeavour to reschedule the lesson, provided notice has been given in writing (email) prior to the College Approved Activity taking place. If no notice has been given prior to the College Approved Activity taking place, make-up lesson may not be available, however this is at the discretion of the Instrumental teacher, due to time and availability. Teachers do not need to provide a make-up, if no notice has been provided prior to events taking place. College Approved Activities include Exams, Sports Competitions, Camps, Retreats, Reflection Days, Assemblies, Masses, Incursions and Excursions.

## Staff Away

If the Instrumental Teacher is absent for a scheduled lesson, then the lesson will be rescheduled, and students will be notified of the time and date of the rescheduled lesson.

## Student Assessments

These include SAC, Test, Assignment Tasks that occur during class time. For these tasks, students are required to inform their Instrumental Teacher with notice. Where possible we will try to accommodate things, however, for these tasks, students may also need to follow this up with their classroom teacher and schedule an after-school study session, or another time in class if the lesson time cannot be changed or made up.

## Unforeseen Reason (Illness)

If for any reason your child is absent from school due to illness etc, please notify the music department / instrumental teacher no later than 8:30am the morning of your lesson. Unfortunately, if no notice is provided by 8:30am the morning of your child's lesson, then the lesson will be not made up.



## Planned / Known Reason (Holiday / Surgery)

If students are going to be away for majority of a Term due to surgery/family holiday, please email [music@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:music@marymede.vic.edu.au) and we may be able to assist in organising a Term of lessons (8 lessons) as opposed to a Semester (16 lessons). However, the Director of Music must be informed with prior notice given of a minimum term's notice to ensure semester invoices being processed and sent out to families.

## Enrolments, Re-Enrolments and Cancellations

**All students enrolled in the College's Instrumental Music Program are expected to commit to a FULL Year of Tuition.**

While students are expected to remain enrolled for the year, they can opt to swap instruments throughout the year at the end of a term or semester.

Any students currently enrolled in the program are automatically re-enrolled each year unless notice of cancellation is provided.

In the event you wish to cancel your child's enrolment, please notify us in writing (email) at [music@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:music@marymede.vic.edu.au) and this can be done at the conclusion of the semester, prior to the following semester commencing. Unfortunately, failure to meet this deadline may result in a full semester's fee being payable.



# Co-Curricular Participation & Music Exams

## Co-Curricular Participation (Bands & Ensembles & Choirs)

All students enrolled into the Instrumental Music Program here at Marymede Catholic College are expected to support the musical life of the College by taking part and joining one of our Co-Curricular Bands, Ensembles and Choirs and attend various College Performances when required.

Students are committed to:

- Demonstrating a continuing commitment to regular practice at home
- Participating in at least one music co-curricular activity
- Performing at various events such as Masses, Liturgies, Assemblies, Concerts and Ceremonies Music Exams

If your child would like to join and take part in the Band and Ensemble program, or you would like to learn more about our Music Program at Marymede Catholic College, please contact us at [music@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:music@marymede.vic.edu.au)

## Music Exams

Students are also encouraged to undertake Performance Examinations as they develop in proficiency on their chosen instrument. The Australian Music Examination Board examinations and subsequent accompaniment enrolments and fees can be arranged through the College's Music Program. Please speak to your Instrumental Music Teachers or email us at [music@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:music@marymede.vic.edu.au) to find out more.

