



THE MPAC MUSIC TUITION PROGRAM

Marsden Park Anglican College has a strong commitment to the facilitation of Individual Music Tuition as an integral component of our Performing Arts Program.

This document will provide details about the Music Tuition Program at Marsden Park Anglican College. Please read for all the details regarding enrolment, and Terms and Conditions, lesson scheduling, costs and cancellation of lessons.

MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL

Most lessons are held during the school day. Some tutors also teach lessons prior to the start of the school day (from 7:30am). Currently we offer thirty-minute weekly lessons for trumpet, trombone, euphonium, guitar, electric bass, drums, keyboard/piano, violin and voice.

For all students who have been playing their instruments for ONE or more years we recommend a thirty-minute individual weekly lesson. This combined with regular practice should ensure significant and rewarding musical progress for the student. These individual half-hour lessons obviously provide a high degree of personal attention for beginner and experienced instrumentalists alike. (Please note that in some instances, shorter, 20 minute, tutorials are available). This is only available with tutors who agree to teach shorter lessons. Please discuss this with your individual tutor.

JOINING THE MPAC MUSIC TUITION PROGRAM

If you would like to enroll your child in the Music Tuition Program, firstly, read the *Private Music Tuition Terms and Conditions*. A copy is included on **the next page** of this document.

Then please click on link provided below and complete the *Music Tuition Program Registration Form* located at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/PRvcCcKgmC>

Mrs Wilson will promptly pass on your details to a music tutor who will then be in touch to arrange a lesson time and a starting date.



Private Music Tuition Terms & Conditions

Billing

- For private instrumental tuition, payment is arranged directly between the tutor and the parent.
- Fees are set by the individual Music Tutors and not the school. Based on the Music Teachers' Association's current individual tuition rate of \$110.00 per hour, exclusive of GST; MPAC's current recommended tuition fee is \$46.00- \$48.00 per half-hour lesson. When compared to the rates charged by Music Schools, Private Tutors and at other nearby schools, our tuition fees are very reasonable and competitive. These fees are well below the Music Teachers Association current recommended rate for Instrumental Tuition.
- The tutors will issue accounts within the first 4 weeks of each term.
- Students with unpaid fees may not be given further lessons until payment of the full term has been received, with missed lessons forfeited.

Scheduling of Lessons

- Private tuition is organised directly with the student's parents. Each term, lessons are timetabled on a set day at a set time. Once a student is allocated a lesson time, this is a fixed weekly commitment for the duration of the term. Each term, lesson times may be rescheduled in consultation between the tutor and the parents. Tutors are to notify the Administration Assistant of all changes in teaching schedules.
- Tutors will negotiate lessons times with student's classroom teachers to ascertain a mutually agreeable time.
- Any changes to lesson times or make-up lessons must also be negotiated with the teacher. Tutors must not turn up to collect students without prior notice unless existing arrangements are in place.

Confirmation of Lessons

- Initial notification of the lesson time will be confirmed by email, after receipt of the completion of the online application. To facilitate direct communication between tutors and parents, at the time of receiving the application for lessons, the parent information will be forwarded to the Tutor.

Lesson Attendance

- Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will be collected by their Tutor from their classrooms. Students in Years 5 - 7 will be initially collected from class but are encouraged to attend lessons independently without being collected from class once the lesson routine has been established.

Notification of Absence

- Students or their parents must notify the tutor directly and advise non-attendance at least 24 hours in advance if they are unable to attend lessons for any reason, be it a school excursion, in class test or illness. Parents and students are required to liaise directly with the tutor to make alternative lesson arrangements. All lessons missed without adequate notification will incur the usual charge.
- In incidences of student illness, notification ASAP must be made directly to the Tutor by the parent.
- When lessons coincide with a school activity, for example sports days, camps, class excursions or tests, it is the **responsibility of the parent** and/or student to contact the tutor prior to the lesson time and arrange a suitable alternative lesson. Failure to do so will result in the lesson being forfeited and will incur the usual charge.
- In the event of the Tutor not being available, missed lessons will be rescheduled. If this is not possible no charge will be incurred.



Private Tuition Terms and Conditions (Continued...)

Discontinuation of Lessons

- Written notice of discontinuation of tuition must be received in writing four weeks prior to the intended termination date and is to be addressed to Mrs Wilson.
- In the event of notice not being given, fees are payable until lessons are formally cancelled and the notice period served.
- To achieve success and satisfaction when learning a musical instrument, students and their parents are encouraged to persevere through periods of frustration and decreased interest. If you have concerns with your child's progress or level of interest, please contact and discuss with your child's Tutor.

Practice

- For progress to take place, no matter what instrument is being played or the age of the student, regular practice is the key to success. There are many ways in which you can assist your child achieve their goals. Please discuss the individual requirements and suitable strategies with your child's Tutor.

Please contact Mrs Wilson, at ewilson@mpac.nsw.edu.au or via the college phone number for any further details or information which you may require relating to your child's lessons.