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## Trafalgar Combined Schools Performing Arts Tuition Information

### **Parent/Guardian Information:**

Instrumental Music lessons are taken by experienced instructors that are selected by our schools' Instrumental Music Coordinator to offer excellent learning opportunities for your children and to ensure that our school philosophy around enjoyable and engaging Music learning and teaching is supported.

These instructors have relevant experience and training in their musical field and work independently of the Department of Education. They all operate within both schools' codes of practice, Child Safe Policy and comply with all relevant working with children checks and workplace practices to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the students.

**Parents sign an agreement with the relevant instructor to pay the required fee per lesson.** Parents are responsible for payments being made directly to the instructor after invoices have been generated. The instructors offer heavily subsidized fees solely to students of Trafalgar Primary School and Trafalgar High School so they can have affordable access to Instrumental Music. Instructors rely on the prompt payment of tuition fees and we ask parents to comply with this request, otherwise this compromises the sustainability of the program being offered in the future.

### **Instrumental lessons being offered at Trafalgar Primary School and Trafalgar High School**

#### **Current Instructors:**

**Instrumental Music - Julie Waller (Vocal/Piano), Steve Forster (Guitar, Bass), Emily Board (Piano), Peter Brown (Drums), Elizabeth Campbell (Piano), Natasha Hoekstra (Strings, Woodwind, Piano), Sarah Considine (Brass, Woodwind, Strings),**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Instrumental and singing lessons may be taught in cycles; So each student may experience a variety of **INDIVIDUAL** (20-25 Min) and **PAIRED** lessons (40 Min) each year (when their skills are at a suitable level), to fully develop and enhance their skills in a variety of areas as well as in **ENSEMBLES**. Instructors will communicate with their students and parents via a performing arts diary/book/email/phone. It is the responsibility of the student to bring the performing arts diary/book to each lesson so the instructor can record the date, time, lesson details and homework (practice).

Students will begin with **individual lessons** and progressively work through to **ensembles** in order to gradually develop the skills associated with group performance; this will be achieved with the student working comfortably at their own pace and only when their skills are at an appropriate level. **INDIVIDUAL** lessons focus on **PERSONAL** skill development, whilst **PAIRED** and **ENSEMBLE** lessons focus on listening, communication, problem solving and teamwork skills; with students matched up with other musicians/performers of a similar skill level.

**Students will have the opportunity to showcase what they have learnt by participating in live performances when their skills are at a suitable level for performance!**

### **Lessons cost \$17 per week, per student**

**Invoices for the full term are issued in the first week of students beginning lessons and PAYMENT IS REQUIRED by the performing arts instructors, so that lessons can begin/or continue. Payment must be made no more than 2 weeks from the invoice date or lessons WILL be suspended and the time slot offered to students on waiting lists, so please ensure all payments are made promptly. If you have questions or concerns regarding payments, please contact your child's performing arts teacher or myself as soon as possible so as to avoid any problems.**

Students can start lessons at anytime during a term if there are time slots available, however places are strictly limited. Likewise, students can stop lessons at any time; with written authorisation from a Parent / Guardian and two weeks notice and pending payment of outstanding fees.

**\*Please note that for Strings/Brass/Woodwind the \$17 per week lesson fee can include the hire and servicing/maintenance of all Strings, Brass and Woodwind instruments, provision of sheet music, lesson book and access to other musical equipment as required for performances and rehearsals invoiced by and payable to Trafalgar High School at the beginning of each term.**

### **EXPECTATIONS:**

It is expected that students will have access at home to a minimum standard of instrument required for the lessons they are undertaking. For example: **DRUMS:** students are expected to have their own set of drumsticks and a rubber practice pad (minimum) for rehearsal at home, a drum kit is preferable and far more engaging (If noise is an issues, electric drum kits can be an excellent solution). **PIANO / KEYBOARD:** Students are expected to have a piano, small keyboard, organ or similar instrument. **GUITAR:** Students are expected to have a guitar for guitar/bass lessons. The same applies for all other instruments such as brass, woodwind and strings e.g. trumpet, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, cello etc. (Hire instruments for brass, woodwind and strings are available through Trafalgar High School as part of the Instrumental Music Tuition Term Fees, please indicate on this form if a hire instrument is required.)

*It is possible to find cheap guitars and keyboards for under \$120 at most music shops or online and a set of drum sticks and a practice pad generally costs no more than \$30 and a cheap drum kit can be sources 2<sup>nd</sup> hand for around \$200-\$300. This relatively small investment will ensure that your child has the best chance of learning, practising and developing their skills in between lessons at home. Students will not improve and learn to the best of their ability if they don't have an instrument to practice on at home. If you are unsure of what is required and/or where to find such practice items, please contact Ben Smith at the School Music Department – Ph: Trafalgar High School 56331733 Trafalgar Primary School 5633 1566.*



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## Performing Arts Tuition Application FORM

All students wishing to take part in our Performing Arts program please complete this form and return to Mr. Ben Smith (Instrumental Music Coordinator), either in person, or through the relevant school office. Trafalgar High School students return forms to the High School office and Primary students to the Trafalgar Primary School office.

Parents, PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT and include your email address, phone number and address, as many Performing Arts teachers send term fee invoices and also contact parents using these details.

Invoices will be sent out at the beginning of each term and immediate payment is expected so that lessons can begin/continue for the following term. Please ensure you check payment details carefully to avoid any payment issues and to make sure the correct instructor/institution is paid, as some invoices will be from Trafalgar High School for hire fees etc. Any questions regarding payment or lessons should be directed to the Instrumental Music Coordinator Mr Ben Smith.

If you need to hire an instrument for Brass/Woodwind or Strings lessons please tick "HIRE" in the relevant box.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Class / Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please TICK/CIRCLE the lesson/s you wish to take and write either B for beginning lessons or C for continuing lessons.

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|----------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Drums/<br>Percussion | Guitar  | Bass Guitar        | Singing                | Piano              | Violin<br>Hire: Y/N    | Piano/Vocals<br>Combined Lesson<br>– vocals &<br>accompaniment | Oboe<br>Hire: Y/N    | Bassoon<br>Hire: Y/N  | French Horn<br>Hire: Y/N |
|                      | Cello<br><small>(If wanting to learn the cello, Students must provide their own instrument)</small> | Viola<br>Hire: Y/N | Euphonium<br>Hire: Y/N | Flute<br>Hire: Y/N | Saxophone<br>Hire: Y/N | Clarinet<br>Hire: Y/N  | Trumpet<br>Hire: Y/N | Trombone<br>Hire: Y/N | Recorder<br>Hire: Y/N    |

Previous Performing Arts Teacher (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unsure what is required or you are not sure where to purchase instruments, you are encouraged to contact Mr Ben Smith (Instrumental Music Coordinator) for helpful advice regarding the purchase of instruments or repair and/or suitability of musical instruments for students.

If you have any questions about the Instrumental Music Program, please do not hesitate to contact Ben Smith Instrumental Music Coordinator / Music Teacher at Trafalgar High School on (03) 5633 1733, or, at Trafalgar Primary School on (03) 5633 1566.

**PARENT / GUARDIAN ENDORSEMENT: Lessons cost \$17 per week, per student and are payable by the term unless otherwise specified by the tutor. If you are having financial difficulties please contact the relevant Instrumental Music Teacher to discuss payment options. By signing this form you agree to pay all fees associated with your child's weekly lessons and also take responsibility for the safe keeping and use of any/all hire instruments if needed for lessons.**

(PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS CLEARLY)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_