



Trafalgar High School Instrumental/Vocal Tuition

We have made some changes to the program to help streamline our procedures and payments and to provide greater access to quality music lessons by making them more affordable for families. We believe that ALL students should have equal access to music lessons.

- All instrumental lessons run for a standard 30 minutes per week, including combined vocal & piano lessons.
- **ALL term fees are a flat rate of \$600 per student, per year, per instrumental lesson** (\$150 per term) **EXCEPT FOR STRINGS LESSONS** which incur a higher weekly lesson fee due to the limited availability of suitable strings teachers in our local area and external invoicing. Students are guaranteed 8 lessons per term but possibly up to 10 lessons, if there are no interruptions due to school events such as; camps, excursions or public holidays. **Make-up lessons will only be conducted during the year where possible for students that have missed lessons due to any of the afore mentioned school-based interruptions or instrumental music teacher absences AND only for students that have paid ALL lesson fees for the year. No credits will be given**, as lessons are already heavily subsidised to make them more affordable than external music lessons outside of school.
- Music tuition fees must be paid at the beginning of the year, or term (at least) and must be paid in full by the end of Week 2. If lessons are not paid for by the due date, they will be cancelled until payment is made. Lessons should, ideally, be paid for by the year (\$600), per semester (\$300), or at the very least, by the term (\$150). If you are suffering from financial hardship, you can contact the school business manager to arrange regular music payments as agreed upon with the Trafalgar High School Business Manager, for eligible families. This is to allow for greater access to music lessons for ALL of the students and families at Trafalgar High School.
- Instrumental Music lessons are conducted by experienced instructors that are selected by our school 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. Our school has a focus on modern and engaging music and a 21st century approach to music education. Our music instructors have relevant experience, training and skills in their musical field. They all operate within our school's code of practice, Child Safe Policy and they comply with all relevant working with children checks and workplace practices to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the students at our school.
- **Parents sign an agreement with the school to pay the required instrumental music fees per instrumental lesson as an extra-curricular activity.** Parents are responsible for payments being made directly to the school at the beginning of the term when fees are charged to family accounts. The school offers heavily subsidized fees solely to students of Trafalgar High School, so that students can have fair and affordable access to Instrumental Music Tuition. Prompt payment of tuition fees ensures your child's place in the music program. Payments can be made directly through Compass Pay either online or using the App; alternatively, you can call the office or drop in to make a payment.
- **EXPECTATIONS & EQUIPMENT:**
 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; drum students are expected to have their own set of drums at home, as it is far more engaging (if noise is an issue, electric drum kits can be an excellent solution!). Piano students are expected to have a piano or small keyboard. Likewise, guitar and bass students are expected to have a guitar/bass to practice with at home for their lessons. This applies for all other instruments such as; brass, woodwind and strings e.g. flute, clarinet, violin, trumpet, cello etc. **If you need to hire an instrument for Brass/Woodwind or Strings lessons please circle "HIRE" in the relevant box and we will be in touch – only limited numbers available.**
- *This relatively small investment will ensure that your child has the best chance of learning, practising and developing their skills and enthusiasm 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 the Trafalgar High School Music Department at music@trafalgarhs.vic.edu.au or ask for a call back by phoning the Trafalgar High School main office on (03) 56331733.*
- Any questions regarding payments should be directed to the school's Business Manager via the main office and any questions regarding lessons, instructors, instruments etc should be directed to the Music Coordinator via email at music@trafalgarhs.vic.edu.au.

Student Name: _____ Year Level: _____ Class : _____

Drums	Guitar	Bass Guitar	Singing	Piano	Vocal/Piano Combined Lesson with a focus on vocals & piano accompaniment	Ukulele	Trumpet Hire: Y/N
Violin Hire: Y/N (\$30 per lesson)	Cello (If wanting to learn the cello, Students must provide their own instrument) (\$30 per lesson)	Viola (\$30 per lesson)					

PARENT / GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND PAYMENT CONTRACT:

All lessons cost \$150 per term (Except for Strings – see above), per student for a standard 30 minute, individual and or combined piano & vocal lesson. Students are guaranteed 32 lessons for the year; minimum, as some school events, such as; camps, public holidays and pupil free days interrupt lessons. No credits are provided. If payment is to be made through Anglicare or DHHS etc please specify on the form. By signing this form, you agree to pay all fees associated with your child's weekly lessons and to pay all fees within the first two weeks of each term.

(PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS CLEARLY)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Payment to be made by: Parent/Guardian (Please circle) OR Outside Agency i.e. DHHS / Anglicare / Other _____ (Please circle)