



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. In 2025, we are only currently offering Guitar, Bass Guitar, Piano and Singing and Drum lessons. If your child is interested in Brass, Woodwind or Violin lessons, please let us know and if we get enough students interested, we can try and source a suitable teacher.

- 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/per instrument). Students are generally guaranteed 8 lessons per term, but they may possibly get one or two more if there are no interruptions due to school events such as; camps, excursions or public holidays. **Catch-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, BUT 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 far more affordable than external music lessons conducted outside of school.
- Music tuition fees must be paid at the beginning of the year, or, by the term (at least) and must be paid in full by the end of Week 2 of each term. If lessons are not paid for by the due date, they may 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, this is for eligible families only. This is to allow for greater access to music lessons for ALL of the students at Trafalgar High School.
- **Parents sign this form/agreement with the school, agreeing to pay the required instrumental music fees per instrumental lesson as an extra-curricular activity. This is not a free service and payments offset the cost of hiring our external music instructors.** Parents are responsible for payments being made directly to the school at the beginning of each term when fees are charged to family accounts, **we do not send a bill, fees are attached to each student/family account and payment is to be made via Compass Pay or at the General Office.** 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!) and you can find these on Gumtree or Marketplace or online, music shops etc. Piano students are expected to have a piano or small student keyboard. Likewise, guitar and bass students are expected to have a guitar/bass to practice with at home for their lessons. *This relatively small investment will ensure that your child has the best chance of learning, practicing 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 (Electric & Acoustic)	Bass Guitar	Singing	Piano	Vocal/Piano Combined Lesson with a focus on vocals & piano accompaniment
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Are you interested in Brass/Woodwind or Violin Lessons? If so, please write your expression of interest here and specify exactly which instrument you are interested in learning:

PARENT / GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND PAYMENT CONTRACT:

I agree to pay for all music lessons at a cost \$150 per term, per student, per instrument, for a 30 minute, individual instrumental or vocal lesson. Students are guaranteed 30 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)