



**Instrumental Music
Contract
2023**

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WHY FAITH MUSIC

The Instrumental Music Program at Faith incorporates experienced private instructors of Strings, Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Guitar, Piano and Vocals who can take students through exams or simply provide the necessary technical skills in learning a new instrument.

EXPECTATIONS

- Students are to attend lessons on a weekly basis at either a 30, 45 or 60-minute duration.
- Students that are working towards an exam are encouraged to have either a 45- or 60-minute lesson time, dependent on the exam level (which will be recommended by the tutor).
- Attendance to lessons is paramount- if the student has had 2 no shows without any explanation from student or parent, an email will be sent out by the tutor. If there are 3 unexplained absences, the student will be removed from the timetable.
- Students that attend lessons are highly encouraged to attend ensembles as extra skill development (ensembles are at no additional cost).
- Students are expected to practice outside of their lesson time (please refer to practice guidelines below).

RECOMMENDED YEAR LEVEL

Tutors recommend an appropriate starting age when considering to learn an instrument.

Please understand this is just a guideline.

INSTRUMENTAL AREA	RECOMMENDED START-YR LEVEL	REASON
Brass/Woodwind	Grade 4	Require the lung capacity and hand size to play the instrument.
Guitar	Grade 3	Require the physical co-ordination and comfortably hold a small-scale guitar and press down on the strings.
Piano	Grade 1	Preps may be taken on from semester 2 once they have adjusted to the school.
Percussion	Grade 2	Require the physical coordination. Grade 1's may be taught, approved on a case by case basis by the tutor.
Strings	Grade 1	Preps may be taken on from semester 2 once they have adjusted to the school.
Vocal	Grade 3	Require the lung capacity and the concentration to learn breathing techniques properly.

PRACTICE & GUIDELINES

This table is only an approximate guide. The tutor will discuss an individual practice plan with the student each week, dependent on their level.

SCHOOL YEAR LEVEL	DURATION
Grade 2- 3	5-15 mins > At least x2 days a week
Grades 4 - 5	15 – 20 mins > At least x2-3 days a week
Grade 6 – 12 beginners	20 mins > At least x3 days a week
Grade 6 - 12 intermediate	30 mins > At least x4 days a week
Grade 6 – 12 advanced	45 mins > At least x5 days a week

FEES (Invoiced by Faith Lutheran College Redlands):

Instrumental music fees are consistent with those set by the Music Teachers' Association of Queensland. **Fees are charged on a yearly basis divided equally into 4 terms.**

- Students will have lessons for the duration of each term, with the exception of the first week of Term 1 and the last week of Term 4.
- Lessons do not occur on Public Holidays or Pupil Free Days and you will not be invoiced for these lessons.
- Lessons are on a rotational timetable during the school day to avoid missing the same lesson each week. However, exceptions can be made in specific circumstances. This will be communicated to the student and parent in advance.
- Music Fees include timetabled lessons, ensemble rehearsals, workshops and events.
- There is a separate fee for students wanting to sit an AMEB exam (further information about this on page 4).
- Instrumental Music Fees will be billed on the annual fee statement. Fees are payable by the due date nominated by the College. The College reserves the right to withdraw lessons where Music Fees are in arrears.
- Invoices will be sent out the end of term and billed for lessons attended.
- Tutors will organise make up lessons, if the cancellation procedures have been followed.

LESSON COSTS

ITEM	DETAILS	COST (per lesson)
Piano	Individual lesson (only)	\$37.00
Strings, Percussion, Guitar, Voice, Brass, Woodwind	Individual lesson	\$37.00
Strings, Percussion, Guitar, Voice, Brass, Woodwind	Small Group	\$28.50
45-minute Lessons	Individual lesson only	\$55.50
60-minute Lessons	Individual lesson only	\$74.00

INSTRUMENT LOAN SCHEME

Faith Lutheran College, Redlands has purchased a limited number of **Brass, Woodwind** and **String** instruments to enable students to gain skills and experience on that instrument and participate in College Ensembles.

- Instruments will be loaned for a **non-refundable \$180 per calendar year** as outlined in the Instrument Loan Agreement.
- It is anticipated that at the end of 12 months, parents will purchase or hire an instrument for the student to continue playing, with the exception of larger instruments which are often loaned to one student for several years.
- We do not have Guitar, Keyboard or Percussion instruments for loan.

LESSON CANCELLATION & MAKE UP POLICY

- If the student is unable to attend a lesson due to a school related event (incursions, excursions, assemblies, special events), it is the responsibility of the student to make alternative arrangements with the Music Tutor at their earliest convenience or at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled lesson. If this is not organised, lesson fees will still apply and the lesson forfeited.
- If students take additional holidays during term, lessons will be forfeited.
- If the student is absent due to illness, notification must be provided to the music tutor **no later than 8:00am of the scheduled lesson day**. If notification is not provided within this time, the lesson will be forfeited.
- If a Music Tutor is unwell, lessons will be rescheduled and made up where possible.
- Year 9 students attending the annual Mt Binga camp in Term 4 will not receive any make up lessons. Instead, will be invoiced for only four lessons for the term.
- A maximum of **two make up lessons** will be arranged each term.
- A reconciliation will be done at the end of the year and credits will be applied to the fee account for any lessons not provided.

LESSON ETIQUETTE

- Students are to arrive five minutes before lesson time and knock at their door to advise the tutor they have arrived.
- Students are to wait quietly outside the studio until invited in by the tutor.
- Students are expected to remember their music each lesson.
- If the student is late for their lesson, they will only be taught for the remainder of their lesson.
- Phones should be switched off or on silent as they can be very distracting to both the student and tutor.
- Students will be shown how to use the teaching space safely. Tutors are permitted to ask the student to leave if they are not respecting the tutor and space.

EXAMS, EISTEDDFODS & PERFORMANCES

- Students may choose to participate in exams and annual Eisteddfods. If this is the case, the tutor will have a discussion with the student and parents about the level they will be undertaking.
- The school will enrol through the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB).
- AMEB offer six sessions a year to sit an exam. It is at the tutor's discretion as to when the student is ready for their exam.
- An email will be sent to parents by the tutor with further information about sitting an exam (including costs involved).
- It is the parent's responsibility to pay any costs associated with AMEB exams, including the cost of an accompanist where required. Accompanists may be required for exams at higher grades and cost may include rehearsal time and the exam attendance.
- The school will be entering into local Eisteddfods and will be entering ensembles and individual students. This will be communicated to parents upon enrolling.

RESOURCES & ESSENTIALS

Our tutors recommend that students own the following items for lessons and at home practice.

- Notebook (preferably an exercise book with music staves in the middle)
- Pencil & eraser
- A display folder with clear sleeves
- Large folder or carry bag to hold these essentials (avoids books being damaged and/ or getting lost)
- Music stand for home practice
- Metronome app (can be downloaded for free and is a valuable resource for students to have for at home practice)

For your convenience, our local music store is [Binary Music](#) in Cleveland.

In addition to their particular teaching area, tutors will email parents specific items to own for the specific instrument. This will also include specific books, as due to copyright law, students are encouraged to own original copy of the music they are learning from. This is especially for students who are participating in AMEB exams and Eisteddfods.

HOW TO ENROL

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to enrol