



Instrumental Music Program

Our Lady of Sion College

2025

Enrolment Process

To enrol your daughter in private music lessons, please read the information in this booklet and complete the online form at <https://bit.ly/SionMusic2025> or via the QR code.



Current students continuing their lessons in 2025, or who are enrolling to begin lessons for the first time, are asked to enrol by **18 November 2024**. Students enrolled for Year 7 in 2025 are asked to enrol at their earliest convenience.

Instruments

The following instruments are available for study in 2025:

Violin	Flute	Trumpet	Voice
Viola	Clarinet	French Horn	Electric Bass
Cello	Bass Clarinet	Trombone	Electric Guitar
Double Bass	Alto Saxophone	Euphonium	Acoustic Guitar
Oboe	Tenor Saxophone	Tuba	Piano
Bassoon	Baritone Saxophone	Percussion	Drum Kit

Lesson Duration

All lessons are for 30 or 45 minutes. It is recommended that those students studying VCE Music Performance or sitting AMEB Grade 5 and above have 45-minute lessons after consultation with their teacher and the Head of Music.

Lesson Fees

Fees for private music lessons will be added to your existing College Fees account with monthly direct debit payments available on request. Prices for instrumental and theory tuition are:

	Lesson Duration	Yearly Fee	Lessons over the Year
Years 7-9	30-minutes	\$1730	32
	45-minutes	\$2590	32
Years 10-11	30-minutes	\$1510	28
	45-minutes	\$2270	28
Year 12	30-minutes	\$1400	26
	45-minutes	\$2110	26
VCE Music Students	30-minutes	\$1620	30
	45-minutes	\$2430	30

Shared Lessons

Shared lessons may be available depending on the suitable matching of Year 7, 8 and 9 students, as determined by the Instrumental Teacher and the Head of Music. The Head of Music will contact you should this option not be available. Groups are a maximum of three students.

Shared	30-minute lesson	\$1050	32
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NB: Fees for Private Music Lessons will be charged separate to the College Tuition fees. A Music fee statement will be issued at the beginning of each semester, payable within 14 days of issue. It is College Policy that a student is not permitted to undertake a co-curricular activity if the College Fees/Levies account is not up to date. This policy applies to Private Music Lessons.

Private Music Theory Tuition and AMEB Examinations

Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) examinations and the subsequent accompaniment fees can be arranged through the College at an additional cost. Private music theory tuition is also available and it is advised that those students sitting AMEB Practical Exams should remain no more than two grades lower in theory than their practical grade. Private theory lessons are in addition to instrumental lessons and classroom music studies. Please see lesson fees on previous page.

If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact the Finance Office: finance@sion.catholic.edu.au.

Instrument Hire

Instrument hire is offered to beginning students to assist with their musical studies. Depending on availability, some instruments can be borrowed from the College. Parents are encouraged to purchase an instrument after the first year of tuition. The Music Department is happy to advise on the purchase of musical instruments. The cost for hiring a College instrument is:

- \$330 first year
- \$385 second year
- \$440 third year
- fourth year by negotiation.

Absences from Instrumental Music Lessons

It is the responsibility of the student to notify her teacher in advance if she is unable to attend a lesson. Where adequate notification is provided, the instrumental teacher will arrange a make-up lesson, with a maximum of two make-up lessons per term. Failure to notify the teacher will result in forfeiting that lesson and the fee for this lesson will still be payable.

In the case of shared lessons, it is not possible to make-up missed lessons.

Please note the following:

Sickness

A telephone call must be made to College Student Reception by 8.00 am of the scheduled day, stating that your daughter has a music lesson, her instrument of study and her teacher’s name. If this call is received by 8.00 am, a make-up lesson will be offered.

School-based Absences

If a student is unable to attend a lesson due to an excursion, exam, etc., prior notice must be given to your daughter’s instrumental teacher.

Extended Absences

In the event of an extended absence, please contact the Head of Music, Mr Martin Macaulay at mmacaulay@sion.catholic.edu.au at your earliest opportunity.

Unexplained Absences

If a student is absent from a lesson, and this is not explained (e.g. email, telephone call, etc.), the instrumental teacher will email the student. On the second occasion that this occurs, the teacher will contact her parents as soon as possible to notify them of this absence.

Credits

Credit notes will not be issued for missed lessons. If a student gives notice within the specified time, a make-up lesson will be arranged. Only two make-up lessons can be offered in a term.

Discontinuing lessons

It is expected that students enrolling for music tuition will complete a full year's tuition. Any requests to cease lessons must be directed via email to the Head of Music with **a full term's notice**.

Damaged or Lost Instruments

Depending on the circumstances, you may be required to meet the replacement cost of a damaged or lost musical instrument, if the cost is not covered by the College Insurance Policy.

Music Performance Program

The College offers many opportunities for students to perform on their instrument. There are soirees, concerts, eisteddfods, competitions, and local community events. All students enrolled in private/shared music lessons are expected to participate in at least one school ensemble/choir to enable them to improve their performance skills and to enjoy the benefits of group performance. Years 7 – 10 students who successfully auditioned for College Vocal Ensemble (CVE) **must** also be a member of the non-auditioned College Choir. Students who are in Senior Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Club, **must** also be a member of the Senior Concert Band/Senior Strings or Intermediate Concert Band/Intermediate Strings respectively.

The College is pleased to offer participation in the following ensembles at no additional cost:

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| • Symphony Orchestra | • College Vocal Ensemble (CVE) | • Senior Jazz Ensemble |
| • OLSC String Orchestra | • College Choir | • Jazz Club |
| • Junior String Orchestra | • Year 7 Choir | • College Rock Band |
| • Intermediate String Ensemble | • Senior Concert Band | • Flute Ensemble |
| • Notre Dame String Quartet | • Intermediate Concert Band | • Brass Ensemble |
| • Junior String Quartet | • Junior Concert Bands | • Percussion Ensemble |
| | | • Big Sound Sister Program |
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Reports

Students will receive written music reports attached to their academic reports at the end of each semester.

Further Enquiries

If you have any questions about the Instrumental Music Program at Our Lady of Sion College, please contact the College Music Department on 9890 9097 or email music@sion.catholic.edu.au.

Our Lady of Sion College Music Department Vision Statement

The Our Lady of Sion College Music Department strives to imbue in students a passion and appreciation for music listening, playing and performance.

To achieve this we:

- actively support students in setting and achieving goals with independence
- value critical thinking and collaboration in learning
- view enhancing resilience and self-confidence as a priority
- provide opportunities to foster students' sense of self within the community.