



Music Tuition Contract

Purpose

In accordance with the vision statement of Shepparton Christian College, which offers “*a sound Christ centred education which encourages the fullest possible development of the spiritual, academic, physical and social characteristics of each child*”, music tuition is offered to all students.

The music tuition program seeks to nurture the creative abilities and talents of the students to enable them to reach their full God-given musical potential. We believe that these experiences should be challenging, yet achievable for students, providing an environment in which each student can enjoy success, supporting the growth of self-esteem and emotional wellbeing.

Music education at the college will provide the platform for students to commence their journey towards musical success in higher education, performance, theory and ministry. Music has the ability to scaffold all domains of learning and this enrichment can extend to self, others and the wider community. It will also be a whole lot of fun along the way. The National Music Education Review (2005) identified the importance of access to music education in schools for all Australian students.

Content

The College endorses and provides learning experiences and assessment in accordance with the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) syllabi. This includes preparation for both practical and written examinations. Tutors will establish learning programmes for each student based on what is regarded by the tutor as the best pathway for development.

A certain level of proficiency is required for individual tuition in some areas, however this is not a prohibitive measure, but rather a check to ensure that the ability to experience success is achievable. This may require auditions for tuition options such as voice lessons.

The College offers the co-curricular activities of small ensembles to tuition students to enhance their learning experience. Performance opportunities are offered at regular intervals throughout the learning year to both private and group students.



Lesson Times

A half hour lesson is conducted on a weekly basis for 8 weeks of each term. *Remaining weeks are set aside for catch-up lessons.* Lesson times rotate on a fortnightly A/B basis so that students are not missing the same subject each week. **Timetables are placed on the music room door and noticeboard at the start of each term, and it is the student's responsibility to check what time their lesson is, and to be on time.** All students will need to be aware of the lesson time and turn up for lessons punctually.

NB. Flexibility around performance times, such as tuition concerts, needs to be observed and appreciated, as some students will require extra support to ensure successful participation. Any decrease in lesson time will be recorded and accounted for during makeup week.

Absenteeism

If the college is aware of whole college events at the time of fee generation e.g. Report Writing Day, students will not be charged for these lessons.

Every effort will be made to provide catch-up lessons in the last week of term for students who missed lessons due to the following reasons:

- Sports Days
- Camps & Excursions
- Compulsory in-class tests or assessments
- Exams
- Music tutor absence due to personal leave

If lessons cannot be made up by the tutor, due to time restraints, a credit may be applied instead.

Lessons will be charged if students are absent for the scheduled lessons due to:

- Sickness
- family-related issues which prevent students from attending their lesson in school



In the situations where a student is away from college for an extended period or is unable to participate in lessons due to an extended injury/illness e.g. serious illness, broken bones, overseas family holiday, credits may be arranged upon consultation with the Music Tuition Coordinator - Mr Adam Molinaro. If the absence is planned, please ensure 4 weeks' notice is given to Mr Molinaro so student timetables can be adjusted.

In the event of consistent absenteeism, contact will be made with the parent/guardian to ascertain if continuation of tuition is feasible.

Payment

Music Tuition fees are generated at the beginning of each term and added to College Fee Statements. **Full payment is preferred by the end of week 7 of each term.** If Music Tuition Fees are left unpaid, or if your normal College Fee payment obligations are not up to date, your student will not be able to continue lessons the following term.

Withdrawal from Lessons

If a student wishes to discontinue lessons mid-term, 4 term weeks' notice is required. If a student wishes to discontinue lessons for the following term, notice is required by the last week of the term prior to withdrawal. All withdrawals must be emailed to the Program Co-ordinator, Mr Adam Molinaro (a.molinaro@scc.vic.edu.au).

Learning Materials

Some tutors will require students to bring a homework book (a notebook) to lessons and have this book signed by a parent/guardian on a weekly basis to ensure that homework is being completed and the learning experience is being maximised for both tutor and student alike. In addition, the purchase of other learning materials will be required. E.g. AMEB graded books, theory books, analytical notes, instruments etc. The college is not responsible to provide these materials.

The Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) examinations, both written & practical, will require payment of an examination fee, which will also be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. You will be given adequate notice of the payment amount and the due date.



Tuition Placements and Waiting Lists

In the case of limited places, priority will be given to older and advanced students. There is currently a waiting list in place and you can register your interest by completing an *Expression of Interest* form available at the college office or there is a link to an online form on School Stream. Students may be placed in a lesson with other students of a similar learning standard with no more than two students per group.

Student Requirements

It is a requirement and expectation that students (within reasonable boundaries) will practise between lessons, the material covered during tuition, and in addition to this, complete any homework, practical or theoretical, as set out by the tutor.

Tutors

Mr Adam Molinaro (Program Coordinator) will offer drums, guitar (bass, electric, and acoustic) and keyboard. His students will follow an alternative non-exam program, which focuses on playing with others, chorded accompaniments, and overall musicianship (including improvisation).

Mr James Noller will offer piano and vocals. His students may follow the AMEB set curricula and adhere to a graded exam program, designed to allow the mastery of a variety of technical skills and performance repertoire. Other students may prefer to follow an alternative non-exam program, which focuses on playing with others, chorded accompaniments, and overall musicianship. Any student may choose to incorporate elements of each. Theory exams are also offered to supplement and examine student's learning. Please note that vocal lessons will require an audition.

Tutors will coordinate performance opportunities for all tuition students at regular intervals. Annual dates will be provided for the tuition soiree as early as possible.

Please feel free to contact tutors with any queries or comments you may have on (03) 5831 7790 or email Mr Adam Molinaro at a.molinaro@scc.vic.edu.au



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- I am aware that weekly ½ hour lessons are being offered at a rate of \$30 per lesson, payable to the college by week 7 of each school term.
- I am aware that I am responsible to buy or hire an instrument & homework book for my child and may be required to purchase additional learning materials. (Tutors endeavour to keep costs to a minimum).
- I am aware that my child may be placed with other students of a similar learning standard, regularly or on occasion, with no more than 2 students per group.
- I have read, understand & agree to abide by all attendance & absentee standards.
- I am aware that students are required to practise on a regular basis and complete homework set by their tutor to maximise learning outcomes.
- I understand that if my child wishes to discontinue lessons during the term, 4 weeks' notice is required. Failure to do so will result in a 4 week charge in lieu of notice.
- If a student wishes to discontinue lessons for the following term, notice is required by the last week of the term prior to withdrawal.
- I understand that being in arrears with College Fee payments will jeopardize my students Music Tuition lessons.
- All notices must be emailed to Mr Adam Molinaro (a.molinaro@scc.vic.edu.au) by the relevant due dates.
- Once a student commences lessons, the terms contained in this contract are considered accepted.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____