



REDLANDS COLLEGE

Performance Music

Instrumental and Vocal Tuition Frequently Asked Questions

What is the cost of lessons?

Individual lessons cost \$38 per 30-minute lesson. Group lessons are a possibility and should be discussed with tutors. Lessons are invoiced by the tutor at the beginning of each term for that term's scheduled lessons and are payable within two weeks of issue.

Can we hire an instrument?

Yes, the school has a variety of instruments available for hire. Instrument hire is available per Semester or for one year.

Annual Hire: Bassoons - \$300 and all other College Instruments - \$150

Cost per Semester: Bassoons - \$150 and all other College Instruments - \$75

Can my child have a trial lesson?

Yes, cost of a trial lesson is \$38 per 30-minute lesson or \$25 per 20-min lesson.

When are lessons scheduled?

Students in Junior school will attend lessons at the same time each week. Tutors try to keep these lesson times the same for the term, however a few changes might occur to accommodate new students. If possible, tutors negotiate the best time with teachers to take students out of the class.

Students in Middle and Senior school will have their lessons on a rotating schedule to avoid students missing out on the same lesson each week. Senior school students have first option of having lessons before/after school or during lunch breaks.

What if my child is sick?

It is the parent's responsibility to notify the tutor via phone, email or text message as soon as possible if their child is sick and unable to attend their lesson. The lesson fee will be charged for lessons missed without prior notification and No Credit will be given. Should a student notify the tutor that they can't make a lesson in advance, the tutor will do their best to reschedule a lesson or do a make-up lesson. To make up lessons, our tutors offer their own personal time to be accommodating.

What if my child forgets their lesson?

When students don't arrive on time for their lesson, tutors will give the classroom teacher a call to remind students of their lesson, however, teachers are not always available to receive the call. When a student does not turn up for their lesson, tutors have no obligation to make up the lesson and the normal cost will still be charged.

What if my child forgets their instrument at home?

An instrumental student who forgets to bring their instrument should still attend their lesson. In some cases, it may be possible for the tutor to borrow another instrument to use for the lesson, or alternatively, the tutor may work on aural, theory, or other skills with the student instead.

Will the Tutors do make up lessons?

Tutors will try their best to accommodate students. If they are notified at least 12 hours before the lesson, they will try to arrange their lessons to accommodate students. Tutors are not employed by the College, and therefore carry a loss when making up lessons.

My child no longer wants to do music tuition, what should we do?

Before ceasing lessons, speak to the Performance Music Administrative team. Dr Peter Handsworth, Director of Performance Music and Events is always willing to provide support, advice and encouraging students. Should your child still decide to cease lessons, five weeks written notice to the tutor will be required or payment in lieu.

Does my child have a choice of sitting exams for their music instrument?

Students can be prepared for AMEB exams if desired, in consultation with the student and parents. Tutors will notify students of upcoming exams should they be interested to participate.

What is SHEP (State Honours Ensemble Program)?

During the year, tutors might nominate students to participate in the State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP) run by Griffith Conservatorium. If your child is nominated for this program, information will be sent out to parents regarding the program and to confirm your consent for your child to be nominated. There is a cost involved, however, this program provides a fantastic opportunity for students to attend workshops during the holidays with students from all over Queensland.