



## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC POLICY

### **RATIONALE:**

Auburn High School offers a broad extra-curricular program. Students are encouraged to participate in the broader life of the school by pursuing different areas of interest in the Arts, Sport, STEM, Communication and Philanthropy. Students participating in the Instrumental Music Program also take part in Ensemble groups to develop individual skills as well as performance experience. Performance opportunities include onsite and offsite events.

### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS:**

Instrumental Music students attend 30-minute weekly lessons with our talented music staff. Lesson sizes range from one to four students. These lessons are held during class time and are alternated weekly to ensure students are not repeatedly missing the same class. Regular home practice is expected to ensure maximum skill development.

### **BANDS AND ENSEMBLES:**

All Instrumental Music students take part in an appropriate Ensemble group based on their instrument and level of learning. This includes regular rehearsals with an Instrumental Music instructor, as well as performance opportunities. Ensemble groups include Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble, Rock Band and Guitar Ensemble. **The Ensemble Program is included in the Instrumental Music Levy.**

Students who take lessons outside of school are also welcomed to apply to take part in one of our Ensemble groups. There is a small levy associated with this.

Students are also encouraged to participate in regional performance opportunities throughout the year.

### **FEES:**

The Instrumental Music Program is run on a non-profit basis and relies on the subscription of its participants. Levies are kept as low as possible and are very reasonable when compared to private tuition and external suppliers.

Payment is available via Compass > Payment Centre. Families are to read the program description and contact our Finance Officer on 03 9822 3247 with any queries or concerns.

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM:**

Please complete the google form and instrumental music policy [here](#). Once your expression of interest is received you will be able to complete payment through the Compass Payment Centre.

*If you have any specific queries about the program, please contact our Instrumental Music Co-ordinator, Dominic Williams by emailing [Dominic.williams2@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Dominic.williams2@education.vic.gov.au)*

INSTRUMENT	Group	Individual
VOCAL	N/A	\$700
DRUMS – BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE	N/A	\$700
GUITAR –Group (up to 4 students) *	\$400	\$700
BASS GUITAR –Group (up to 4 students) *	\$400	\$700
KEYBOARD –Group (up to 4 students)	\$400	\$700
WOODWIND – BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE –Group (up to 4 students)	\$400	\$700
ENSEMBLE Vocal, Guitar Ensembles, Rock Band & Concert Band	\$200.00	N/A

#### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:

Fees apply to all participants in the Instrumental Music Program. Our Instrumental Music Program incurs costs that are only partially subsidised by parents/guardians. Enrolment in our Instrumental Music Program is confirmed by payment through Compass. Lessons will commence **only** once payment is received, or a payment plan is entered. Lessons will be automatically scheduled, and the levy charged for each subsequent semester.

Students learning an instrument are expected to attend lessons each week (on a rotational basis where possible) and attend Ensemble rehearsal each week.

Students must take responsibility for punctual attendance to lessons/ rehearsals/ performances and for checking lesson times.

Students must establish and maintain their daily practice routine.

Students take responsibility for assisting with setting up/ packing up following lessons, rehearsals, and performances.

#### ABSENCES AND CANCELLATIONS:

The Instrumental Music Program will provide a minimum of 15 scheduled lessons per semester. Students are recommended to participate for at least one year to gain a realistic picture of their interest level and capabilities.

If a student is unable to attend their lesson because of illness, incursion or excursion, the onus is on the student to advise their instructor via email at least **one school day prior** so that the lesson can be rescheduled. If this does not occur, no makeup lesson or credit will be provided.

If a student wishes to withdraw from the program, the parent/ guardian must advise our Music Co-ordinator via email **no later than the 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson of the new semester** for credit of fees paid to be considered. Withdrawal notifications received after this time will not be eligible for credit.

If a student fails to attend their lesson e.g., absent or forgot, no make- up lesson or credit will be provided.

In the event of **instructor** absence, students will be advised via email or Newsfeed and a makeup lesson will be scheduled.

If you have any concerns with payment or would like to work out an alternate payment plan to what is listed on Compass, please contact the Finance Officer.

Please read above, fill in & sign below and return to [auburn.hs@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:auburn.hs@education.vic.gov.au)

Choice of Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_