



PARADE COLLEGE MUSIC



Instrumental Music Program

The Parade College Music Department has a longstanding history of providing students with a large variety of musical experiences, both in an out of the school setting, and continues to promote the College within the wider community through its involvement in local and wider community events throughout the year.

We encourage all students to achieve excellence through their participation in the Instrumental Music Program with the support from experienced classroom and instrumental music staff as both educators and musicians.

Parade College offers private music lessons as part of the co-curricular offerings at the school. Enrolments are complete **online at [this link](#)**. Alternatively, you can find this link through the [College website](#).

Here you can also find a detailed Instrumental Music Handbook specifying all the information regarding the Music program at Parade, including; lessons and ensemble rehearsals, exam preparation, instrumental lesson structure, fees, instrument hire and locker hire.

Students in all year levels are encouraged to be actively involved in a wide range of musical activities including:

- Instrumental Music lessons
- Join numerous ensembles including, the Concert and Jazz Bands, and instrument specific ensembles
- Perform in College productions
- Perform at Assemblies, Recitals, Lunchtime Concerts and Community Events
- Perform at the Autumn Music Concert, Instrumental Soiree's and Carols by the Cross
- Complete music examinations such as AMEB, ANZCA and Trinity
- Progress to advanced music studies through VCE Music and VET Music Industries



Students who learn a musical instrument develop self-confidence, responsibility, teamwork, self-esteem, and above all, an enjoyment of lifelong musical appreciation.

The Classroom and Instrumental Music Staff at Parade College welcome you to the Music department and look forward to an exciting and music filled time at the College.

Researchers have found the predictive relationships between music education and academic achievement were more pronounced for those who took instrumental music. The findings suggest skills learned in instrumental music transfer very broadly to the students' learning in school.

INSTRUMENT CHOICE

The following instruments are available for study

(* indicates Individual lessons only - no groups):

* Electric Guitar

* Bass Guitar

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

Clarinet

Flute

Trumpet

French Horn

Trombone

Euphonium

Tuba



* Piano

* Drum Kit

*Voice

Music Theory (AMEB or VCE syllabuses)

LESSON DURATION AND FEES

All lessons are either 25 minutes ($\frac{1}{2}$ a period lesson) or 50 minutes (full period lesson) in duration. Lessons are scheduled so they rotate through the students' normal weekly timetable. Group lessons are **only** available for Brass & Woodwind students in Years 7– 9. Students receive 16 lesson per semester and are added to your existing College fees and levies with monthly direct debit payment plans available.

Lesson Type	Per Lesson	Per Semester
25 Minute Individual	\$28.50	\$455
50 Minute Individual	\$57.00	\$910
25 Minute Group (Brass and Woodwind only)	\$16.25	\$260

INSTRUMENT HIRE

The College has several Brass and Woodwind instruments available for hire to assist students with their musical studies. The cost for hiring a College instrument is:

Per semester - \$150

Full year - \$225

Guitar, bass and drum kit students will need to purchase their own instrument as hire is not available for these instruments. It is not essential for students learning drums to purchase their own drum kit at the beginning of their tuition, however, purchase of personal drumsticks and rubber practice pad is essential. Further information regarding individual instrument requirements and theory books will be communicated directly to parents by the student's instrumental music teacher.

Co-Curricular Junior Instrumental Class Band Lessons

In addition to the instrumental music tuition program, Parade College is excited to offer the Instrumental Music Band Class to all Year 7 & 8 students. The program is designed for Junior Musicians to receive small group instrumental music tuition and participate in a College ensemble for the cost of instrument hire and textbook charge. Available instruments include: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet & Trombone.

For further information, please consult the handout on the College Website.

INSTRUMENT STORAGE

Instrument lockers are available in the Music department for instrument storage and safekeeping. All students who hire an instrument will be provided with a locker and combination lock upon request.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB), Australian and New Zealand Cultural Arts (ANZCA) and Trinity College, London are respected external grade examination providers. Qualifications attained from these providers act as a benchmark or standard of performance, which together with ensemble playing (band or choir) help develop a solid musical education.

All students undertaking instrumental music tuition are encouraged to undertake these examinations.

For all students involved in examinations there is a fee that will vary depending on the grade and level. In addition, students learning singing or woodwind, string or brass instrument will require a piano accompanist to play with them for the exam.

Examination fees will be charged to the student's school fee account.

REPORTS

All students enrolled in the Instrumental Music Program will receive a written academic music report attached to their final end of semester report. These reports are distributed online via the parent portal, PAM.

Commitment to the Instrumental Music Program is for the duration of the student's enrolment at the College. If for any reason you wish to withdraw from the program, this must be forwarded in writing to the Director of Music at least eight week prior. Please not withdrawal is only permitted on a semesterly basis

MUSIC ENSEMBLES/BANDS PROGRAM

Ensemble categorises the musical groups within the department, committing students to relevant groups for the benefit of student development, experience and College representation.

Each student in the Instrumental Music Program will be allocated to an Ensemble. Participation in at least one ensemble is mandatory for instrumental music students and a condition of their enrolment in the Instrumental Music Program.

Key aspects of the ensemble program include:

- Approaching music making as a collaborative experience
- Acknowledging instrumental music as a commitment to excellence
- Developing interpersonal skills through teamwork and leadership
- Providing a well-rounded musical experience for students
- Presenting music as a representational platform for the College

The College offers a variety of ensembles for students to participate in, centred around instrumental development, collaborative learning and generally rehearse on a weekly basis. Some of the many ensembles offered at the College include:

Senior & Junior Big Band
Rock Band
Senior & Junior Concert Band
Drumline

Vocal Ensemble
Guitar Ensemble
Class Ensembles
Piano Ensemble

FURTHER ENQUIRIES

If you have any questions about the Instrumental Music Program at Parade College, please do not hesitate to contact us on 9468 3300 or directly at music@parade.vic.edu.au.

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