

# St Scholastica's College



## Extra-Curricular 2022 Music Program



# Welcome to Music at St Scholastica's College

## Important Information for 2022

**Music** is an integral part of St Scholastica's College. We have a comprehensive Co-Curricular Music Program, where students can join various music ensembles as well as undertake private voice or instrumental tuition within the College.

Students are encouraged to extend their musical abilities and skills by participating in the Co-Curricular Music Ensembles. Each music ensemble provides students with opportunities to explore a wide range of different musical styles. Ensembles are directed by classroom, specialist and/or peripatetic music staff. Students are invited to perform in important school events such as, Liturgies, Open Days, Annual Showcase and Speech Night. Students in music ensembles are also provided with external and community performance opportunities such as, Australian Schools Band and Orchestra festival and Eisteddfods.

Entry Ensembles	
Open to all levels and abilities, no audition required.	
<b>Choir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Choir is also a Core Ensemble and open to all students who enjoy singing.</li><li>• Membership in the Choir is mandatory for students enrolled in Private Music tuition in Voice and is highly recommended for students enrolled in Private tuition in Piano.</li><li>• <b>Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7.40am –8.40am</b></li></ul>
<b>Rock Band</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open to all vocalists, guitarists, pianists, drummers.</li><li>• <b>Rehearsals: Fridays at Lunchtime</b></li></ul>
<b>String Ensemble</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For all string players, beginners to advanced.</li><li>• <b>Rehearsals: Wednesdays at Lunchtime</b></li></ul>
<b>Wind and Brass Ensemble</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For all wind and brass players, beginners to advanced.</li><li>• <b>Rehearsals: Mondays at Lunchtime</b></li></ul>

Core Ensembles	
These ensembles form the centre of our Co-Curricular Music Program. Placement auditions are required for all new students entering the Symphony Orchestra or Concert Band. These are held during Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 1.	
<b>Concert Band</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concert Band is a large ensemble for students taking private music lessons. The following instruments are eligible for membership; flute, saxophone, piccolo, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, tenor/baritone sax, bass guitar, electric guitar, drum kit, piano, and percussion.</li><li>• Students must be enrolled in private music tuition at school or externally.</li><li>• <b>Rehearsals: Thursdays 7.40am—8.40am</b></li></ul>
<b>Symphony Orchestra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Symphony Orchestra is our largest ensemble. The following instruments are eligible for membership; flute, piccolo, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, violin, viola, cello, double bass and percussion.</li><li>• Students must be enrolled in private music tuition at school or externally.</li><li>• <b>Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7.40am—8.40am</b></li></ul>

## Extension Ensembles

The Extension Ensembles seek to extend the abilities of students from our Core Ensembles. It is mandatory to attend the associated Core Ensemble in order to gain entry into the Extension Ensembles.

<b>Chamber Orchestra (extension to Symphony Orchestra)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chamber Orchestra is a group for students taking private lessons on violin, viola, cello or double bass.</li><li>• Auditions will be held early in Term 1.</li><li>• Compulsory to participate in the Symphony Orchestra.</li><li>• <b>Rehearsals: Thursdays at Lunchtime</b></li></ul>
<b>Jazz Band (extension to Symphony Orchestra or Concert Band)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jazz Band is a group for students taking private music lessons.</li><li>• The following instruments are eligible, saxophone (alto or tenor), trumpet, trombone, baritone, drum, flute, oboe, bass, plus rhythm section instruments (drum kit, guitar, keyboard and bass)</li><li>• Students who wish to join the Jazz Band must also join the Concert Band. <b>Rehearsals: Tuesdays at Lunchtime</b></li></ul>
<b>Vocal Ensemble (extension to Choir)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vocal Ensemble is a small and dynamic group with a strong interest in the highest level of vocal excellence. Students in vocal ensemble will sing at various school liturgical events throughout the year such as Mother's Day and Father's Day Masses.</li><li>• Compulsory to participate in Choir.</li><li>• <b>Rehearsals: Fridays 8 am –8.45 am</b></li></ul>

## Registration links

For: **All instrumental ensembles:** <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=45454>

For: **Choir and/or Vocal only:** <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=45455>

For: **Private music tuition:** [https://scholastica.formstack.com/forms/music\\_tutor\\_selection\\_2022](https://scholastica.formstack.com/forms/music_tutor_selection_2022)



# 2022 Music Program Registration and Private Tuition Information



## Registration for Music Ensembles

### Fees

For instrumental ensembles an annual membership fee of \$180 (\$140 if you join the ensemble after Term 1) is payable at the start of the school year for participation in Music Ensemble Program. This fee covers the cost of rehearsal fees for ensemble directors, sheet music licences, score arrangements, performance and festival entries. This annual fee is only charged once to each student, regardless of the number of ensembles joined.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$30 is charged for students who wish to participate in Choir and/or Vocal Ensemble only.

### Withdrawal

Students have until the end of Term 1 to withdraw or change their ensemble memberships. A refund of \$100 will be issued upon written request from the parents/guardians. After Term 1, students are expected to commit to the ensembles for the entire year and no refund will be given for any withdrawal request. Should a student withdraw from choir and/or vocal ensemble any time in the year, the registration fee of \$30 is not refundable.

### Scholarships

Scholarships are offered to students who play a targeted instrument required by an ensemble. In 2022, we are looking for double bass, cello and brass instrument players. Scholarships cover 50% of the ensemble fee as well as free instrument hire. For conditions of receiving scholarships, please email [cmiao@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cmiao@scholastica.nsw.edu.au).

### Commitment

Music ensembles rehearse every week to develop musical skills throughout the year. The weekly rehearsals are to prepare the students for performances, music festivals and concerts, which is an exciting part of being in an ensemble. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Should a student be unable to attend rehearsal or a performance, a written notice must be given to the Ensemble Director as well as Ms Cindy Miao via email: [cmiao@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cmiao@scholastica.nsw.edu.au) as soon as possible.

### Instrument hire

Most instrument hire is available at the College. Hire fees for 2022 will be \$200 per instrument. This fee covers the cost of service to the instrument. For more information, please contact Ms Cindy Miao.

### Ensemble practice

It is essential that students work with their private tutor and practise ensemble parts to enable the 'team' to grow and progress. Music for practice parts is available upon request.

### Music Lockers

Lockers will be provided for students to store their instruments whilst at school. Students need to contact Ms Cindy Miao [cmiao@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cmiao@scholastica.nsw.edu.au) for locker allocations.

## Private Music Tuition

Tuition in the following instruments/voice will be offered in 2022:

Violin	Voice	Flute/Piccolo	Trumpet
Viola	Piano	Clarinet/bass clarinet	Trombone
Cello	Guitar	Alto/Tenor Saxophone	Baritone/Euphonium
Double bass	Drums	Oboe * Bassoon *	Tuba French Horn*

*\*Lesson taught outside the College.*

## Fees

- Individual Tuition: \$45 per 30 minute lesson, \$67.50 per 45 minute lesson, \$90 per hour.
- Tutors will invoice parents/guardians directly each term and **fees are payable in advance**. Invoice is usually due by week 2 of each term and lessons may be suspended if the balance is not paid.
- *A small number of instrumental tuition scholarships are available for students willing to take instruments required by various ensembles from the College, all enquiries should be directed to Ms Miao.*

## Mandatory music ensemble requirement

- It is an expectation that all students, studying an instrument or voice, commit to at least one music ensemble at the College. This is to enhance students' performance and musicianship skills whilst learning an instrument.
- See more details from the Music Ensemble form.

## Lessons

- The duration of all lessons is **30 minutes** (some senior students may require 45 minute lessons).
- Most lessons take place during school hours on a rotational basis so that students do not miss out on the same classes, unless otherwise specified by the tutor. Students may request having lessons during recess or lunchtime, however, senior students will have priority for those time slots.

## Withdrawal

All students are expected to learn their instrument **for a minimum of one semester (two terms)**. Should a student choose not to continue, **notification of termination** must be given in advance, by at least one full term, in writing, addressed to Ms Cindy Miao [cmiao@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cmiao@scholastica.nsw.edu.au). A full term's fee will be invoiced should notification of termination not be received one term in advance.

## Timetables

- **Lessons are run between 7.30am and 5pm on most days.**
- The tutor will advise students of their lesson times via email &/or phone.
- A timetable is given to each student at the start of the term, and a copy is also displayed outside the tutor's studio.
- It is the student's and parent's responsibility to check the timetable at the beginning of each term/week to confirm lesson times.
- If a student is **absent due to illness**, parents are required to notify the tutor **before 7.30am** on the school day.
- If a student is **absent due to an excursion, exam or other event, 48 hours' notice** must be given by a parent. **Failure to do so will result in the lesson being forfeited.**

## Practice

- Students should practise daily to gain the maximum benefit from their lessons.
- Please discuss with the tutor how much practice is required.
- The College monitors the progress of each student and a report is written at the end of the year.

## Examinations, Performances and Reports

- Students may undertake A.M.E.B or Trinity College London exams at the tutor's discretion.
- Instrumental and vocal soirees are held during Term 3 & 4 of each year, students are strongly recommended to participate in this event to gain performance experience.
- A report is provided by the tutor at the end of each school year or upon termination of lessons.

**If you have any questions about the Music Program, please contact Ms Cindy Miao via email: [cmiao@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cmiao@scholastica.nsw.edu.au).**

