

## 2024 Private Music Lessons: Information

This document sets out the terms and conditions under which students are enrolled in private music tuition at St Leonard's College.

### Enrolments

When enrolling in private music lessons students are expected to undertake these lessons for the entire year. Under some circumstances, students may cease lessons at the end of Semester 1.

The school aims to provide 32 lessons across the calendar year. This allows for leeway including excursions, camps and incursions. Approximately 8 lessons should occur each term, however this may vary, eg. 9 lessons in Term 1, followed by 7 lessons in Term 2.

Year 12 students' lessons will conclude at the end of Term 3 and are charged accordingly. Enrolments automatically carry over to the following year – no re-enrolment is required.

### Tutoring

Please note that students who take private music lessons at St Leonard's College are expected to not engage in regular lessons with an alternative teacher outside the College. This is due to the singular nature of one-on-one tuition, and can cause confusion for both the student and teacher, when different styles of technique and style are presented to students.

### Scheduling of Lessons

Private music lessons are scheduled on a rotating timetable across the academic day, ensuring students do not miss the same class each week.

Fixed times during class are not available except for Year 12 students, who have their lessons scheduled outside class time. Year 12IB students may have their lesson regularly scheduled into Period X if there is no before school, lunchtime or after school time available. 12VCE students may have their lesson regularly scheduled during a study period.

Out of school lessons times are available, and are prioritised for Year 12 students, followed by Year 11 students, et cetera. Please note that our program runs throughout the school day and students are expected to attend accordingly.

All lesson times appear on the student's Calendar in SchoolBox. These are placed on the calendar prior to the commencement of each term. Lessons in Term 1 will be placed in the calendar by the end of Week 2. A reminder email is sent to students and parents the day prior to a music lesson.

### Core Ensemble Commitment

Students in Years 5-12 who learn an instrument (including voice) at the College are expected to participate in an appropriate Core Ensemble. We see this as an essential part of a well-rounded music education, as well as providing students with the opportunity to share their music with others. Piano students are expected to sing in choir or play mallet percussion in a band. Please click here to view the 2024 Music Rehearsal Timetable.

All students are encouraged to sing in an open choir – the benefits of singing to instrumental playing are well documented!

### Absences

The following absences will be included in the 32 lessons each year:

- Students forgetting to attend lessons
- Students missing a lesson to attend a school assessment: students are expected to inform their Music Instructor at least 8 days prior to the lesson if they wish to reschedule due to a school assessment.
- Illness - Special consideration may be given if a student is absent for four consecutive weeks and a medical certificate is supplied.
- In the case of sudden illness, we would appreciate parents contacting the music office (9909 9484) by 8am, or email your child's Music Instructor. If leaving a message please clearly state the student's name, the Music Instructor's name and the time of the lesson.

The following absences will not be included in the 32 lessons each year:

- Excursions/Incursions: students/parents are expected to inform the Music Instructor as a courtesy
- Lessons interrupted due to Evacuation Drills (the time missed will be added to a future lesson)

### Shared Lessons

Shared lessons are offered to students in Years 5-8 inclusive who have been part of the curriculum program. We believe that shared lessons are a positive and fun way for students to experience private music lessons, by providing:

- An opportunity to work with a friend/study partner
- The chance to play duets as part of their development
- Providing support when attending ensemble rehearsals
- A cost-effective introduction to private music lessons

Please note, there are separate enrolment forms for individual and shared music lessons. To ensure that students match with a partner of a similar ability, requests for lesson partners must be approved by the Music Faculty.

The instruments involved in this program are:

<b>Brass/Percussion</b>	<b>Woodwind</b>	<b>Strings (Years 5 or 8 only)</b>
Euphonium	Clarinet	Cello
Horn	Flute	Double Bass
Trombone	Oboe	Viola
Trumpet	Saxophone	Violin
Percussion	Bassoon	

Please note that Piano, Guitar and Voice lessons are not part of this program.

## 2024 Music Lesson Fees

Semester Fee (2 terms)	Year level	Cost
Individual lessons - 30 minutes	Prep-12	\$980
Individual extended lessons - 40 minutes	4-12	\$1,280
Individual extended lessons - 60 minutes For advanced students only – approval required	7-12	\$1,790
Shared lessons -30 min lesson (per student)	5-9	\$690
Private lesson instrument hire	Prep-12	\$200

### Instrument Hire

Most orchestral instruments are available to hire from the College. Students should acquire their own instruments after one year of private lessons. Some exceptions apply, including bassoon, double bass and tuba. Please contact the Music Office for further information.

Parents are responsible for the **first \$500** towards any repair cost in the event of damage to a hired instrument. If an instrument is unrepairable, lost or stolen, the cost of a replacement instrument will be billed to your fee account.

It is recommended that you check your personal home insurance policy covers the instrument you have hired as part of your standard policy, as the College will not cover loss due to theft, home fire or malicious damage.

### Lesson Cancellations

Lessons may be cancelled at the end of each Semester. An online cancellation form must be received by the music office no later than the below dates.

Cancellation dates		
Semester 1 2024	Semester 2 2024	Semester 1 2025
15 Nov 23	31 May 24	8 Nov 24

Please click [here](#) to cancel lessons for Semester 2, 2024

Please click [here](#) to cancel lessons for Semester 1, 2025

Failing to do so will mean that lessons are billed for the upcoming semester.