



KOONUNG
Secondary College

Instrumental Music Program 2023

WHY CHOOSE THE KOONUNG SECONDARY COLLEGE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM?

KOONUNG'S MUSIC PROGRAM AIMS TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO FOLLOW THEIR MUSICAL INTERESTS WITH:

- Experienced Instrumental staff with a background in professional performance
- Core and auditioned ensembles
- VCE Music Performance including entry for approved Year 10 students
- College Musical Productions
- Music student leadership positions
- A wide range of performance opportunities within the College and in the community
- Opportunities for student initiated groups to develop. These include Jazz Bands, Rock Bands and Vocal Groups.

THE BENEFITS OF MUSIC AS A SUBJECT WITHIN THE WHOLE CURRICULUM ARE WELL KNOWN

Students who join the Music Program integrate into the school community quickly. This is due to the blend of year levels involved in the Music ensembles and intensive individual connections with Instrumental staff.

Learning an instrument (including Voice) enhances learning in other subjects and assists personal development. Most of the student College leaders are involved in the Music Program. Many students who achieve high scores in VCE have musical training. It has clear benefits across the curriculum.

Further information on the wide-ranging benefits of Music can be found at www.amc-music.org

THE VALUE OF MUSIC EDUCATION

A quality instrumental music education is fundamentally important in the development of your child. Research shows that learning music can help your child in many ways, improving:

- Memory and reasoning capacity
- Problem solving skills
- Mathematics and Language performance
- Self-discipline skills
- Concentration, memory and self-expression
- Time management skills
- Social and team skills.

Our Instrumental Music Program provides excellent opportunities for students to learn and participate in music performances and prepare for VCE music. Students may also choose to be prepared for AMEB examinations. The Department of Education and Training (DET) funds the program, however, the funds provided are not sufficient to run a comprehensive Music Program. This situation means that fees are charged and used to maintain and purchase equipment as well as assist with providing additional staff for lessons and ensemble classes.

- Students will receive 30-minute lessons
- Advanced students may choose 45-minute lessons. Please note that this option is via approval only. Minimum requirement is AMEB Grade 5 or equivalent, or VCE Music Units 1-4
- Some instruments are available for hire from the school. Priority is given to Year 7 students
- Parents/carers are responsible for instrumental repairs or loss of the instrument whilst the hire instrument is in the student's care.

NOTE - Students are required to commit to the Instrumental Music Program for the full year. Instrumental music staff will take some classes in small groups, especially at the beginner level.

Students enrolled in the Instrumental Music Program are required to participate in one core ensemble weekly rehearsal. This is a DET policy and funding is dependent on the number of students in core ensembles. Students are welcome to audition for the other ensembles, but enrolment is determined by attendance at the initially selected core ensemble.

CORE ENSEMBLES:

- Choir
- Concert Band
- Guitar Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble
- String Group

AUDITIONED ENSEMBLES:

- Swing Band
- VCE Bands
- Vocal Groups
- Senior String Group

SUMMARY OF STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

- **Students must commit to the Instrumental Music Program for the whole year.**
- Attendance at all lessons for the year
- Attendance at supervised weekly ensemble rehearsals as directed by the Instrumental Teacher
- Regular practise of the chosen instrument
- Prior notification of absences is expected for lessons and ensemble/s and performances
- Participation in scheduled performances as directed.

KEY PERFORMANCES – ATTENDANCE REQUIRED

| TERM | EVENT | DATE |
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| 1 | Year 7 BBQ | February TBC |
| 2 | Winter Concert -1 | May 31 |
| 2 | Winter Concert -2 | June 1 |
| 3 | Spring Concert -1 | September 6 |
| | Spring Concert -2 | September 7 |
| 3 | Koonung Day | TBC |
| 4 | Presentation Evening | December TBC |

Please note that Instrumental Music is an optional subject. Instrumental music syllabi are followed and reports are provided each semester.

TIMETABLES

Years 7 to 10 students are placed on a rotating timetable so that the same class is not missed each week. Where possible, VCE students' lessons will be in spares, or before or after school. Lesson times will appear on Compass, which is the College's Learning Management System. It is the student's responsibility to make sure they attend their lesson at the correct time.

ABSENCES

Absence notes are required and penalties for unapproved absences will apply as with any subject.

ATTENDANCE

In accordance with College policy, instrumental music staff keep accurate rolls of attendance to lessons and ensemble rehearsals. Students must bring their instrument and music to each lesson. It is the student's responsibility to arrange lessons around excursions and tests in other subjects.

MISSED LESSONS

Excursions, tests or other commitments. Notice must be given as soon as possible if a student needs to miss a lesson, so that a possible alternative time can be arranged. Missed lessons may be made up at the end of each semester year.

ILLNESS

Parent or students must contact their Instrumental Teacher and the Music Coordinator directly via email or phone, preferably the day before, if they will not be attending their lesson. The absence will be counted as absent without notice after 8.30 AM on the day.

WITHDRAWAL

As stated previously, students must commit to a whole year. On the rare occasion that a student wishes to withdraw from the program after commencing lessons, a written application must be made to the Music Coordinator.

2023 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ENROLMENT

Dear Parent/Carer

Music studies are an enormous asset to a student's educational journey. Among the many documented benefits, they provide tools for self-expression and build skills in time management, problem solving and reasoning. Research shows that learning music can enhance a student's learning in many ways. Instrumental Music is an elective subject, which can lead to VCE Music Studies.

Koonung Secondary College offers tuition in an extensive range of musical instruments, complemented by many performance opportunities throughout the year. Listed below are the instruments and fees for 2023.

Instruments Offered

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| Brass <ul style="list-style-type: none">• French horn• Trombone• Trumpet• Tuba | Guitar <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acoustic• Electric• Electric Bass | Strings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violin• Viola• Cello• Double Bass | Woodwind <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarinet• Flute• Saxophone |
| Voice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Popular Contemporary | Drum Kit & Percussion | Pianoforte | |

Fee Structure

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| Standard Instrumental Music Program Fee 30-minute lessons | \$650/year |
| Advanced Instrumental Music Program Fee 45-minute lessons Please note that this option is via approval only. Minimum requirement is AMEB Grade 5 or equivalent, or VCE Music Units 1-4. | \$975/year |
| Instrument Hire Fee | \$200/year (brass, woodwind, high strings) \$360/year (cello) |
| Ensemble Only Fee (excluding choir) | \$200/year |

If you would like your child to participate in the 2023 Instrumental Music Program, please complete the online form by clicking on the link below and make your payment via Compass no later than Friday 2 December 2022. **PLEASE NOTE: As this is an optional program and we employ expert sessional staff to deliver it, no refund will be given after confirmation of your child's enrolment in the program.**

ENROLMENT – Online Form <https://forms.gle/cWQWmgDe76L9ZtUa7>

PAYMENT – Compass Online at <https://koonung-vic.compass.education/login.aspx>

Please note that submitting this form does not guarantee your child a place in the Program. Details will be viewable via Compass Events when enrolment is approved. You will receive an email if enrolment has not been approved.

Please contact Mr David Forward at christopher.forward@education.vic.gov.au for further information.