

**2024 CO CURRICULAR MUSIC
PROGRAM
AND
PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION
POLICY AND HANDBOOK
FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS**





PRIVATE TUITION

At Heritage College Sydney

STRING ENSEMBLE

Students who learn a stringed instrument at the College are expected (and students who learn elsewhere are invited and encouraged) to be in the String Ensemble. All members of the Ensemble must receive private lessons either at the College or externally until Year 10 (at the director's discretion). Students are expected to provide their own instrument (with the exception of Year 4 continuing cellists and double bassists). There may be some College instruments available for hire, after instruments have been issued to Year 3 Training Strings students.

SENIOR STRING ENSEMBLE

This is a subset of the String Ensemble. Membership is by invitation and there are no extra costs for students.

BAND ENSEMBLES

TRAINING BAND FOR YEAR 5

All students in Year 5 learn an ensemble instrument (string or band) to meet the requirements of the Creative Arts Music Key Learning Standards.

Students are expected to provide their own instrument (with the exception of the larger instruments such as tuba). Please see the section on Instruments. There may be some College instruments available for hire, after instruments have been issued to Year 5 Training Band students.

CONCERT BAND

The Concert Band is the largest of the College's ensembles. All students learning a band instrument at the College are expected to (and those learning externally are encouraged to) be a member of the Concert Band. There is no cost to be in this ensemble but all members of the Ensemble must receive private lessons either at the College or externally until reaching Year 10 (at the director's discretion). Students are expected to provide their own instrument (with the exception of the larger instruments such as tuba). Please see the section on Instruments. There may be some College instruments available for hire, after instruments have been issued to Year 5 Training Band students.

SENIOR BAND AND JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Senior Band is a subset of the Concert Band and is the band that represents the school at Eisteddfods. The Jazz Ensemble widens the repertoire and musical experiences of the more advanced students. Membership to both these ensembles is by invitation. There are no extra costs for students in these ensembles.

ORCHESTRA

Orchestra is provided some years as an extension for advanced students combining string, wind, brass and percussion students. Membership is by invitation. There is no extra cost for students in this ensemble.

COLLEGE MUSIC CALENDAR

Students in performing ensembles are expected to be present at events marked with an asterisk *. Please place them on your family calendar. Dates will be confirmed closer to the time.

Term 1

Week 1 Ensemble Rehearsals resume. Tutorials for continuing

INSTRUMENTS

INSTRUMENT CARE

It is expected that students will look after their instruments whether they are hired from the College or are their own. Tutors will instruct the students in cleaning the instruments. All instruments are to be placed in the Instrument Store when at school and taken home for practice each day. Students are responsible for the safe transporting of their instruments to and from the College. The cost of any repairs not attributed to normal wear and tear will be invoiced to the student. Please do not try and fix the instrument yourself; the tutors can fix most problems at school and have the correct equipment for doing this. Any college instrument needing repairs beyond this will be sent to a reputable repairer.

Items listed in this table as 'provided' are issued once only at the start of the Instrument Hire and belong to the particular instrument. Parents are to replace any items as required through the year.

ALL INSTRUMENTS	WOODWIND	BRASS	STRINGS
Metronome (can be an app eg Tempo Lite (free))	Flute: Cleaning rod (provided)	Valve Oil (provided)	Rosin (provided)
Music stand for Home Practice	Cleaning cloth (provided)	Slide grease (provided)	Shoulder rest
Tag visible on the outside of the case with Student's name, College name and Parent's mobile number	Clarinet and Saxophone: Cleaning pull through (provided)	Mouthpiece brush (provided)	Endpin stopper (cello)
Instrument stand (desirable)	2 reeds (provided)		
	Cork grease for clarinets (provided)		
	Neck strap for saxophones (provided)		
	Extra reeds can be purchased from the Music Coordinator		

PURCHASING INSTRUMENTS

Please consult your child's tutor or the Music Coordinator when you are considering purchasing an instrument for your child. There are tried and tested brands which are recommended and which have good resale value. While these brands may be more expensive initially, the benefit of having a reliable instrument that is easy for your child to play outweighs having a cheaper instrument that could be out of tune, and poorly assembled and aligned.

Care should be taken when considering the purchase of a second hand instrument. It is always best to consult your child's tutor or the Music Coordinator, and have a professional repairer look over the instrument before you purchase.

