

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS 2024



Benefits of learning a musical instrument at school:

- student engagement
- student wellbeing
- school attendance
- personal and social development
- transfer of skills to other areas
- student involvement at school
- provides opportunities for student ownership of learning through performances
- develops team working skills
- positive social interactions through ensemble rehearsals and performances

At Alkira Secondary College, we offer Instrumental Music Lessons for a range of instruments and have many ensembles for students to perform with including the Junior and Senior Bands, Junior and Senior Drum Ensembles and The Choir. Music students get the opportunity to perform solo or with ensembles at End of Term Concert Nights, Lunchtime Performances, Battle of the Bands, School Assemblies and at local primary schools.

Instrumental music lessons are currently available for the following instruments:

<i>Voice (singing)</i>	<i>Guitar: Electric or Acoustic</i>	
<i>Keyboard/Piano</i>	<i>Drum Kit</i>	<i>Bass Guitar</i>

- **Individual lessons: \$200 per term)***
- **This averages out to \$20 per lesson**
- A rotating timetable ensures that there will be minimal disruption to a student's classroom subjects. Students are expected to remain up to date with all class work.
- Lessons are 25 minutes conducted by professional instructors and held during regular timetabled classes.
- Attendance at music lessons is the responsibility of the student.
- Students are expected to participate in band or ensemble rehearsals and school performances throughout the year.

*Year 12 students do not attend timetabled classes or music lessons during Term 4 of their final year. Annual fee for Year 12 students is \$600

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

To ensure that our program runs smoothly each week, we require students, parents & guardians to adhere to the policies outlined below. Please retain this form for your reference.

- Students must have **uninterrupted access** to an instrument at home, throughout the year.
- Students are responsible for attending lessons on time. They must check Compass each morning and we encourage students to copy lesson dates and times into a diary. A master timetable will be on the notice board in the red building next to the music rooms.
- Students are required to practise set work for 30 minutes per day, at least five times per week.
- Lesson fees must be paid as indicated on the enrolment form.
- If a student is going to be absent from any lesson, whether ill, on holiday or a school excursion or incursion, notification must be sent to imusic@alkirasecondarycollege.com.au or Parental Approval completed on Compass **by 8.30am on the morning of the lesson**. Failure to notify the **Instrumental Music Department** will result in forfeiture of the lesson. If notification is made correctly, a catch-up lesson will be arranged, often in the last few weeks of term or the following term.
- A minimum of 32 lessons will be made available over the course of the year (8 per term); however, if students attend every scheduled lesson, they can receive up to 8 extra lessons per year (10 lessons per term).
- **If your child forgets to attend a lesson, that lesson will be forfeited.**
- Students undertake Instrumental Music study for the entire year. If, under extraordinary circumstances, a student has to withdraw from lessons, written notification from the parent/guardian **must be received five weeks before the beginning of the next term** and be sent via email to alkira.sc@education.vic.gov.au with **Instrumental Music Cancellation** in the subject box and student details and reason for cancellation in the body of the email.
- *Verbal cancellation in person or by phone will not be accepted and the student will continue to be charged until the above procedure has been completed. Students cannot cancel lessons, notification must come from the parent/guardian. No refunds will be issued.*

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSON ENROLMENT FORM 2024

If you wish to enrol in lessons, please fill out the slip below and return it to the office by **Friday, 1st December 2023.**

Please be advised that there are a limited number of spots available and these will go to students who return their enrolment forms first. Those who miss out will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified when a spot opens up.

By signing the slip below you agree to the Instrumental Music Terms & Conditions attached and also posted on the Compass Chronicle with this form.



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I, _____ of _____ would like to enrol for _____
(student name) (2024 home group – if known) (instrument)

_____/_____/_____
(name of parent/guardian) (signature) (date)

(parent/guardian email address)

Ph: _____
(parent/guardian phone)

Details of the Credit Card to be debited:

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard

\$800 on receipt of this form or

\$200 on or before the following dates: 1/12/2023 - Term 1
 22/03/2024 - Term 2
 14/06/2024 - Term 3
 06/09/2024 - Term 4

Card number _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ CSV _____

Cardholder's Name _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____