



Instrumental Music Program
Information Booklet



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2025 Instrumental Music Program

Marymede Catholic College has a vibrant music department with a strong team of professional musicians as well as dedicated and experienced teachers. As we look to continue growing the Music program that is offered here at Marymede, together with excellent facilities, the program is well equipped to provide every student with outstanding opportunities to develop their musical talents. The Music Department at Marymede Catholic College invites you to join an enriching and rewarding program that is fundamental to the Marymede experience.

Instruments

The college currently offers instrumental music lessons for the following instruments:

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| Voice | Drums | Flute | Trumpet | Violin |
| Piano | Drumline* | Clarinet | Trombone | Cello |
| Music | Timpani | Saxophone | | Guitar & Bass |
| Theory | | | | |

Lesson Options

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| Primary | Year 1 - 6 | Private | 30 minutes | or | Shared 45 minutes |
| Secondary | Year 7 - 10 | Private | 30 minutes | or | Shared 45 minutes |
| | Year 11 and 12 | Private | 45 minutes | | Only |



Instrumental Lesson Fee Structure

Fees for private music lessons are invoiced by the College on a Semester basis. Fees are payable within 14 days of receiving the invoice. Please note 2025 fees have increased based on industry rate of fees (VMTA) for instrumental music teachers. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact the Finance Office or our Music Administration.

Private Lessons

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| Years 1 - 10 | Private | 30 minutes | \$800 | 16 lessons per semester |
| Years 11 - 12 | Private | 45 minutes | \$1,200 | 16 lessons per semester |
| Year 12 | Private | 45 minutes | \$900 | 12 lessons semester 2 |

Shared Lessons

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| Year 1 – 10 | Shared | 45 minutes | \$600 | 16 lessons per semester |
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Ensemble Lessons

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| Year 5 – 10 | Drumline | 1 hour | \$320 | 16 lessons per semester |
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Instrumental Music Timetables

Music timetables are scheduled around College events/activities however sometimes not all events/activities are made aware to music teachers or admin. Therefore, if you're aware of any that do not appear on the College Calendar please inform us to ensure we can best support your child's learning.



Instrumental Maintenance Levy

The Instrumental Maintenance Levy \$100

This levy is an annual fee applicable to **ALL Instrumental Music Students** who use any Marymede Catholic College Instrumental rooms, resources, instruments (Piano & Drums) and covers the cleaning, maintenance and repair that takes place throughout the year.

Instrumental Hire

The Instrumental Hire Levy \$125 per semester, \$250 per year

Instrument hire is available to beginning students on various instruments, to assist families when planning to purchase a musical instrument. Depending on availability, some instruments can be borrowed from the College. This covers the cost of repair and annual cleaning and maintenance of instruments.

Parents are encouraged to purchase an instrument after the first year of tuition. The Music Department is happy to advise on the purchase of musical instruments and can also encourage a great price from reputable music shops. If students already own their instrument, they are reminded to bring it from home to every weekly lesson. A fee may be applicable to families for students who continue to forget to bring their instrument to the Music lessons. If students own their instrument but do NOT want to bring it to school for their weekly lesson then this fee will apply.

Drumline Ensemble Lessons

In 2025 we will be introducing an opportunity for students to enrol to learn 'DRUMLINE'. This program will offer students an opportunity to learn how to play the drums as part of an Ensemble where students will learn lessons for Drumline. If there are not enough students to take part in an ensemble lesson, we will convert your child's lesson to an instrumental lesson subject to availability.



Shared Lessons

Shared lessons are available depending on the suitable matching of ability and age, as determined by the Instrumental Teacher and Director of Music. The Director of Music will be in contact with families should this option not be available. Shared lessons can run with a maximum of 3 students per lesson.

Primary Student Lessons

Students in Years 1 - 4 will be escorted to and from their music lesson by their instrumental teacher. Students in Years 5 & 6 will be escorted to and from their music lessons for term 1 and then after this, students will be responsible in remembering their Music Lesson and begin making their own way to the Performing Arts Building – where they will meet their Music Teacher along the way.

Secondary Student Lessons

Students in Year 7-12 are expected to know their timetable and attend their lessons independently. Upon arriving to their lessons, students will sign in at the Performing Arts Building for their lesson. A class pass will then appear on their class timetable/roll on SIMON. Lessons will rotate weekly so that there are minimal disruptions to the timetable and scheduled class time.

Music Theory Lessons

Music Theory Lessons are also available, and all students who are completing AMEB Practical exams, should also complete Music Theory Exams as they progress through their Practical Grades. Students are recommended to commence Music Theory Lessons once they attain Grade 2 or above in their chosen instrument. Music Theory Lessons are in addition to the Instrumental and Classroom Music Lessons.



Enrolment Process

New students - to enrol your child into private music lessons please read the information provided in this booklet and email music@marymede.vic.edu.au to register your inquiry.

Step 1 Once you have emailed music@marymede.vic.edu.au we will send you an invitation to our online **PAM Booking Form**.

Step 2 Please complete the PAM enrolment form by selecting the instrument your child wishes to learn and lesson type (Private or Shared). Please confirm and commit to your child's participation by the due date on the form.

Step 3 Once completed, parents/guardians will be issued with an invoice each Semester in Term 1 and Term 3. This is issued by the College's Finance Department. Payment is due a fortnight after receiving the bill. **Any issues with payment please contact the finance department.**

Step 4 Once enrolled, any daily updates and communications will be shared with parents and students via email.

Current Students - will automatically be added to the new semester PAM.

Invoicing & Payments

Payments are invoiced by the College on a semester basis. They are payable within 14 days of receiving the invoice. Please know that the College will **NOT** provide refunds to families who decide to discontinue instrumental lessons before the end of semester.



Absence – College Approved Activities

If a student is going to be absent from school due to a **College Approved Activity** it is the responsibility of the student to inform their Instrumental Music teacher. The Instrumental Music teacher will endeavour to reschedule the lesson, provided notice has been given in writing (email) prior to the College Approved Activity taking place.

If no notice has been given prior to the College Approved Activity taking place, students may ask for a make-up lesson, however this is at the discretion of the Instrumental teacher, due to time and availability. Teachers do not need to provide a make-up, if no notice has been provided prior to events taking place.

College Approved Activities include - Exams, Sports Competitions, Camps, Retreats, Reflection Days, Assemblies, Masses, Incursions and Excursions.

Absence - Staff Away

If the Instrumental teacher is absent for a scheduled lesson, then the lesson will be rescheduled, and students will be notified of the time and date of the rescheduled lesson.

Absence - Assessments

These include SAC, Test, Assignment tasks that occur during class time. For these tasks, please inform your instrumental teacher of them with notice. Where possible we will try to accommodate them. However, for these tasks, students may also need to follow this up with their classroom teacher and schedule an after school study session, or another time in class if the lesson time cannot be changed or made up.



Absence - Unforeseen Reason (Illness)

If for any reason your child is absent from school due to illness etc, please notify the music department / instrumental teacher no later than 8:30am the morning of your lesson. Unfortunately, if no notice is provided by 8:30am the morning of your child's lesson, then the lesson will be not made up.

Absence – Planned / Known Reason (Holiday / Surgery)

If students are going to be away for majority of a Term due to a holiday etc. please email music@marymede.vic.edu.au and we may be able to assist in organising a Term of lessons (8 lessons) as opposed to a Semester (16 lessons). However, this requires notice and scheduled prior to invoices being processed and sent out to families.

Enrolments, Re-Enrolments and Cancelations

All students enrolled in the College's Instrumental Music Program are expected to commit to a **FULL Year of Tuition**. All current students enrolled in the program are automatically re-enrolled each semester and following year.

In the event you wish to cancel your child's enrolment, please notify us in writing (email) and this can be done at the conclusion of the semester, prior to the following semester commencing, or simply decline the PAM notice sent out at the commencement of a new Semester or Year.

Unfortunately, failure to meet this deadline will result in a full semester's fee being payable. While students are expected to remain enrolled for the year, they can opt to swap instruments throughout the year at the end of a term or semester.



Participation

All students enrolled into the Instrumental Music Program here at Marymede Catholic College are expected to support the musical life of the College by participating in extra-curricular bands, choirs and/or college performances when required.

Students are committed to:

- Demonstrating a continuing commitment to regular practice at home
- Participating in at least one music co-curricular activity
- Performing at various events such as Masses, Liturgies, Assemblies, Concerts and Ceremonies

Music Exams

Students are encouraged to undertake Performance Examinations as they develop in proficiency on their chosen instrument. The Australian Music Examination Board examinations and subsequent accompaniment enrolments and fees can be arranged through the College's Music Program.

Year 7 Ensemble Program – Semester 2 Band Invitation

With the introduction to the Ensemble Program at Year 7 in 2025, and the opportunity for students to learn an instrument, students will have an opportunity to also enrol into the College Ensemble Program and continue their learning experience. This pathway options is available for Year 7s in semester 2 and invites them to take part in our Ensemble program and in year 8 onwards into our Instrumental / Private lessons on their chosen instrument.



Band & Ensemble Program Available @ Marymede

Students learning a musical instrument are invited to join and take part in the following College Bands & Ensembles. As the Music program continues to grow, more bands and ensembles will be established.

Band, Choirs & Ensembles

Primary

Primary 1-3 Choir
Primary 4-6 Choir
Primary Band

Doreen

Vocal Ensemble
Drumline Ensemble
Year 7 Band
Year 8 Band

South Morang

Vocal Ensemble
Concert Band
7-8 Band
9-10 Band
VCE Band
Drumline
Rock Band

***Semester 2**

Concert Band
String Orchestra

***Semester 2**

String Orchestra

If your child would like to join and take part in the Band and Ensemble program, or you would like to learn more about our Music Program at Marymede Catholic College, please contact us at music@marymede.vic.edu.au

