

Instrumental Music Policy



Riverbanks College offers instrumental music lessons provided by experienced teachers. Lessons are provided during school hours, using school facilities for 30 minutes.

In 2024 Riverbanks College will offer tuition in:

Instrumental Music

Trumpet
Trombone
Saxophone (Alto/Tenor)
Electric Guitar
Bass Guitar

Rockschool

Drum kit
Voice
Keyboard
Acoustic Guitar

Instrumental Music

Lessons offered by Instrumental music are free of charge and occur in groups for designated instruments only. Only one instrument may be selected. Students from year 5 can access brass and woodwind lessons. Students from year 8 can access string lessons. Students in year 9 and 10 can only access lessons if they are enrolled in Music as a subject. **Enrolment is for the calendar year.**

Hire fees will be required unless students have their own instrument.

Students are required to participate in the Big Band Program which rehearses Wednesdays 3:10 – 4:15pm.

Timetabling

Students in the Primary years will have an allocated lesson at the same time each week, rotating each term. They will be collected from the classroom by the instrumental tutor.

Secondary students will have a rotating lesson each week. They are expected to check their lesson time on Daymap the morning of the lesson and attend on time.

Rockschool

Students from year 2 can access Rockscool. Lessons are provided individually or paired and charged accordingly. Rockscool tutors will invoice families directly. Individual lessons will be charged at \$272 per term. Paired lessons will be charged at \$180 per term and are offered by demand only. Students will take 8 lessons per term. Families are responsible for paying invoices within 2 weeks. Unpaid invoices will result in lessons being discontinued.

Missed lessons

Students must contact the instrumental teacher to advise of any absence due to sickness, excursion, camps no later than 8am via phone call, text message or email. If sufficient notice is given an instrumental teacher may schedule a catch-up lesson in week 9 or 10 of the term. If a student misses a lesson without notice, the lesson is forfeited. If a teacher is absent, they will offer a catch-up lesson in week 9 or 10 or subtract the fee from the next invoice. (Rockscool only)

Reports

Students will receive an instrumental report each semester. Students will also be offered the opportunity to participate in the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) exams and AMEB Rockscool exams.

Rockschool withdrawal from lessons

Withdrawal from lessons can only be done at the end of each semester. Notice needs to be given by the end of week 8 to avoid being charged for the next term and to allow for timetable changes.

Ensembles

Instrumental students are strongly encouraged to participate in ensembles:

- Festival of Music Choir (Year 5/6)
- Vocal Ensemble – After school (if adequate demand)
- Big Band – Wednesday 3:10 – 4:15pm
- Wind Program – After school (if adequate demand)

This is expected to change and evolve as our school grows to welcome new year levels. Ensembles will perform at school events throughout the year.

Instrumental Hire

The following instruments can be hired through the school. Hire fees are charged per term.

Electric, Acoustic & Bass Guitar	– \$40
Electric Guitar Amplifier	– \$40
Trumpet, Trombone, Alto & Tenor Saxophone	– \$80

Instrumental Storage Room Access

Students who are hiring instruments will be given a key card for access to the storage room. Students who are bringing their own instrument will need to request an access card. Access cards will be returned at the end of the year and will incur a \$15 recovery fee if lost. Access cards only open the student storage room RCH.18 and if tapped on other doors can trigger alarms. Students will lose the right to an access card if they do not use it responsibly. As a safety feature access cards will disable if they are not used for a period of 4 weeks. Lost cards/faulty should be reported to the front reception desk so that they can be deactivated or reactivated.

Tutor Books

Selected instrument groups will be allocated a tutor book from the library to use for the year. These need to be cared for as a library book and returned at the end of the year to avoid a replacement cost.

Instrumental Showcase

Students will be encouraged to participate in an instrumental showcase “Riverbanks Rocks” in Term 4, which will also involve the ensembles.