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Clonard Music Information 2023



Year 7 Classroom Instrumental Program

Because of our belief in the intellectual and personal benefits for students of learning music, Clonard has developed an instrumental classroom music program which enables all Year 7 students to study an orchestral instrument for one semester.

The College has purchased instruments so that students can be provided with an instrument, to take home for the semester, at no charge. Weekly lessons for small groups of students are provided by experienced instrumental teachers. The College covers the cost of these lessons. Students also have one lesson per cycle to work together in ensemble to develop their skills in playing as part of a band. At the end of the semester the students perform a concert of several beginner concert band pieces as one large band as well as shorter pieces as part of their small instrumental group.

Private Instrumental/Voice Lessons

Numerous studies indicate substantial benefits for students involved in practical music. It enhances a variety of skills such as problem solving, memory skills, processing speed, teamwork and co-ordination. The self confidence, pleasure and sense of accomplishment are enriching and become a source of pride for the student and the entire family.

Clonard offers a high standard of music tuition with lessons given by staff that are committed to music education and have themselves achieved personal musical excellence. Lessons are given with sensitivity and care in pleasant, well-appointed music studios, by teachers that recognise the individual interests and abilities of their students. In providing music tuition for your daughter you are offering an opportunity for self expression, creativity and achievement that will be an investment in her future.

Instrumental Tuition

Tuition is offered in:

Strings (violin, viola, cello);

Woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone- alto, tenor);

Brass (trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba);

Percussion (drum kit, tuned percussion);

Piano; Voice; Guitar/Bass

If sufficient interest is expressed in other instruments (ie oboe), lessons may be scheduled depending on the availability of teachers and enrolment enquiries.

Tuition Procedure

Each student enrolled in instrumental tuition receives one lesson each week.

Students are generally enrolled for private tuition (ie on a one-to-one basis) as this enables the student to progress at the optimum level appropriate to her ability. Shared lessons/band lessons are also available after consultation with the instrumental teacher.

All lessons are arranged on a rotating basis (where possible) so that students are not absent from the same class each week. Lessons may also be available before or after school and at lunch time. Consideration is given to senior students when arranging lesson times so that other important subjects are not missed. It is important that students catch up any work missed in class through being at a music lesson.

Music Staff

Clonard has a very fine staff of instrumental music teachers. The following will be teaching at Clonard in 2023:

Marcia Howard: Classroom Music teacher, Vocal Director and Music Leader

Allister Cox: Woodwind and Clonard Concert Band Conductor

Sally Hobbs: Flute Teacher

Felicity McCowan: String and Ensemble Teacher

Stephen Hobbs: Acoustic and Electric and Bass Guitar Teacher

Ashley Ward: Acoustic and Electric and Bass Guitar Teacher

Erika Turner: Vocal Teacher

Rachael Wood: Piano Teacher

Martin Greet: Brass Teacher

Greg Gosbell: Drum and Percussion Teacher

Instruments

Students are encouraged to purchase their own instruments for use at their lessons and for home practice. In the case of piano and percussion, students must at least have access to a suitable instrument. A good quality instrument is vital for successful progress and our instrumental staff are available to advise you in this regard. Please consult with the instrumental teacher before purchasing any instrument.

Instrument Hire

Clonard is able to facilitate the hire of an instrument for you. Most music shops have instruments available for hire, with some offering a hire/buy. Some music shops also offer purchase with payments made in instalments. Clonard also has a limited number of instruments for hire. Details and prices are available from the Music Department.

Ensembles

Clonard offers a diverse range of opportunities for group performance. Instrumental and singing students are encouraged to participate in at least one of these ensembles. Rehearsals take place at lunchtimes and after school as well as workshop days.

Students are expected to attend all rehearsals punctually. The out-of-hours rehearsals are to be given priority and students are discouraged from making other arrangements (such as part time jobs, doctors' appointments) during these times. Ensembles: Concert Band, String Ensemble, Stage Band, Rock Band and Choir.



Performance Opportunities

Many performance opportunities are provided throughout the school year and music students are encouraged to participate. These include solo/ensemble performance evenings, school assemblies, masses and liturgies, open day, arts festivals, community festivals, Geelong Show Band competitions and workshops with other schools.