

Instrumental Music

PROGRAM





The Instrumental Music Program at Thornlie is a collaborative, innovative and highly regarded specialist program within the school and local community. A talented group of specialist music teachers from the Instrumental Music School Services team (IMSS) led by the Instrumental Music Coordinator, work collaboratively to deliver a program that encourages diligence, creativity and musical expression. Students will have the opportunity to receive free instrumental lessons on a weekly basis and will participate in extracurricular ensemble rehearsals in order to extend their musical skills in a team environment.

AIMS OF THE PROGRAM

As a selection-based program, the Instrumental Music course is similar to a scholarship that demands ongoing commitment from the students. It is expected that students selected to participate in Instrumental Music in Year 7 will commit to studying their instrument and will continue to engage in the full range of musical learning opportunities provided until the end of Year 10. Students are selected based on the need to provide balance in our current ensembles and ensure we prioritise ongoing tuition to those already learning an instrument through their primary school IMSS program. We will also endeavour to offer limited beginner placements to those students interested in taking up instrumental tuition when they commence Year 7 (subject to scores achieved in the Music Aptitude test).



STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

The Instrumental Music Program at Thornlie Senior High School is supported by the Department of Education Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) and provides free instrumental lessons on a weekly basis, delivered at the school from a specialist Music Teacher. Studying Instrumental Music at Thornlie Senior High School is divided into 3 equal components:

1 *Class Music*

Students will study Music as one of their subjects. Students must be enrolled in this class in order to receive free instrumental lessons.

2 *Instrumental Lessons*

Students will receive free weekly instrumental lessons on their choice of instrument. Tuition will be provided by an IMSS teacher. Students must leave their regular timetabled classes once a week to attend their instrumental lesson. Students may only receive free tuition on one instrument and are not able to change to other instruments after commencing studies. Students are welcome to enrol in private instrumental lessons.

3 *Before/After School Ensemble Rehearsals*

Ensemble rehearsals are held once a week, either before or after school. The current ensembles running are: Choir, Junior Classical Guitar Ensemble, Senior Classical Guitar Ensemble and Concert Band. It is compulsory to attend and participate in one ensemble. Students will rehearse music together and will be provided opportunities to perform at several concerts and special events throughout the year. Being a part of an ensemble is an enriching and rewarding experience for students, but also comes with an expectation of commitment and responsibility.





INSTRUMENTS OFFERED

We offer a diverse range of instruments for tuition through IMSS, including:



FLUTE



CLARINET



SAXOPHONE
only offered every two years



TRUMPET



TROMBONE



LOW BRASS
Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba



PERCUSSION



CONTEMPORARY GUITAR



CLASSICAL GUITAR

FEES AND CHARGES

A fee of \$50.00 applies to cover this course.

There may be an additional cost associated with specific purpose activities.

FACILITIES

We have our own Performing Arts Centre with full lighting and sound for Music Concerts and special event performances. The PAC's music wing consists of the green room (our primary music classroom), a secure instrument storeroom, a dedicated piano keyboard lab, and two rehearsal rooms for small group lessons and practice time.



The students have access to guitars, amps, drums, a complete class set of ukuleles and recorders, as well as a vast range of percussion instruments, including concert drums, xylophone, glockenspiel, and a full-size marimba.

We can also organise instrument hire for beginner students (orchestral instruments only) for a small fee, payable upon commencement of the new school year.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To be considered for placement into the Instrumental Music Program, please complete the Application form and include a letter of recommendation from a current Music Teacher or a copy of your most recent report. To be accepted into the Instrumental Music Program, applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

Willingness to participate in all components of the program, including regular attendance at instrumental lessons and ensemble rehearsals and committing to performing in Music Concerts and events as required.

Enthusiasm and aptitude for Music - beginner students must complete the Music Aptitude Test.

Willingness to commit to the program for the duration of Years 7-10.

Sign the Instrumental Music Program Agreement Contract



ABOUT US

We are a proud Perth Government school.

Thornlie SHS is an Independent Public Secondary School with five decades of experience in successfully educating our 1200 Year 7-12 students to identify their aspirations and achieve their personal goals. Established in 1971, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary throughout 2021.

We value well-established educational traditions set by past teachers, parents and students and we are passionate in our desire to use the latest research and learning strategies to prepare our current students for the 21st Century. We know where we are going and how to get there.

Thornlie Senior High School recognises that the world around us is changing and we are changing with it. Our students come to us from many different backgrounds, but they leave with one thing in common – a great education and a significant head start in life. Thornlie SHS students develop the skills they need to thrive in the challenging, interesting and dynamic 21st Century.

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