



APPLICATION FOR INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Students can apply to learn a musical instrument during school hours. Competency on an instrument opens a pathway for students to be eligible to join a music ensemble at TAS. TAS Concert Bands, Orchestras, String Ensembles, Choirs and Small Ensembles are all on offer to suitable students.

In 2017, tuition is offered in flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, violin, viola and cello, guitar, drums and voice. There may be a waiting list for some music tutors but you will be contacted by Mrs Stitt on receipt of this form to discuss your application.

Complete the form below and return it to Mrs Stitt or your school reception.

- Students need to be Year Two or higher to commence tuition.
- Keyboard, drum and guitar students must have an instrument before requesting lessons. These are not available through the school.
- Some of our tutors are self-employed and will be invoicing you separately to your school account.
- PLEASE READ AND KEEP your copy of the "Conditions of Private Music Tuition"

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sue Stitt
HEAD OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Expression of Interest to have music lessons at TAS.

Student's name: _____ Year at TAS in 2017: _____

Address: _____

Email _____

Phone number: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Instrument to be studied:

Preference One: _____ Two: _____

Instrument availability:

I will provide my own instrument.

I would like to hire a school instrument if one is available.

Please note that there are only a few instruments available at this stage. Alternatively, instruments can also be hired from music shops on a hire to buy scheme.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Commitment to Lessons

Students must be committed to attending lessons and practicing material covered at each lesson or set as homework. The instrument and all current music must be brought to every lesson as failure to bring these items may mean that the lesson has to be forfeited. Students should always report to their lessons to explain what has happened.

Lesson times will be organized to best suit all parties. Students are responsible for ensuring their attendance at lessons. **With the exception of younger primary students tutors are not expected to go and find students at the start of a lesson.**

Any lessons missed through a student forgetting to come will be charged at the usual rate.

A lesson will be charged unless reasonable prior notice is given to the tutor to enable alternative arrangements to be made for a make-up lesson. In the event of a student being sick on the day of the lesson please ensure that a message is sent to the tutor as soon as possible either directly or via the campus reception staff. Please be aware that tutors will try to give "catch-up" lessons but that this will be at their convenience. TAS does not require Music Tutors to make up any lessons missed at short notice.

It is the responsibility of all parties to communicate and be aware of forthcoming events that may conflict with lesson times. Tutors make every effort to keep up with school events through the Calendar but they are not at the school every day to note changes.

Commitment to TAS

Having an instrumental or vocal lesson during school time is a privilege. We encourage students to be involved in ensembles as soon as possible after commencing lessons.

1. If the student is learning a band or orchestral instrument they should be making every effort to become a member of a TAS Music group as soon as possible after the commencement of lessons.
2. All vocal students are expected to become members of the TAS choir that is appropriate to their age group.
3. Piano, guitar and percussion students are also expected to aim to become a member of one of the TAS ensembles. Opportunities exist in all ensembles for multiple keyboard and percussion players. The Director of Music will be regularly discussing the progress of individual students with their teachers and will approach students of appropriate abilities to ask them to take part in TAS Ensembles. Students will find that the discipline of playing in an ensemble will enhance their musical skills.

Progress

1. **All students are encouraged to prepare for an annual music examination and/or solo performances.** This is an essential aspect of learning any solo instrument as it enables the student, parents and tutors to gauge the level of development, enjoyment and interest being obtained through having lessons.
2. TAS music tutors can be very busy and it is reasonable to expect that students will practice and show interest in progressing in their musical studies.
3. Where a student is seen to be making insufficient progress over a reasonable period of time the tutor will advise the Director of Music who will discuss the situation with the student and their parents..

Lesson Fees

Students who receive lessons from Mrs Sue Stitt will have tuition fees invoiced with TAS school fees.

All other tutors are self-employed and rely on the income they receive from tuition for day to day living expenses. In order to retain their services at TAS it is essential for parents to pay invoices for music lessons promptly. If tutors do not feel that they have received payment within a reasonable time frame they will inform the Director of Music. The Director of Music will then contact the family to discuss the need for a prompt payment of the account. In the event that an account is not settled by the end of term the Director of Music will advise the tutor to cease tuition of the child and will discuss with the tutor and parents the future course of action to be taken. Appropriate notice should be given to a music tutor if a child intends to stop having lessons.

Instrument Hire

TAS has a limited number of instruments available for private hire. Where an instrument is available for hire from the school the hire cost will be \$70.00 per term plus GST for instruments valued under \$1000 and \$90 per term plus GST for instruments worth more than \$1000. Generally school instruments can only be hired for one year after which parents are encouraged to make alternative arrangements.

If you have any questions about your child's instrumental tuition please contact Mrs Sue Stitt on 40368160 or e-mail sues@tas.qld.edu.au