



Carey
Baptist
College
Harrisdale

Music Tuition Program FAQs

*The most important things to be aware of before signing up!
For more details, please read through the terms and conditions.*

- **What are the costs involved?**

1) **Lesson fees** are charged as per the rates below:

- 1 x 30 minute lesson= \$40.00
- 1 x 45 minute lesson= \$60.00
- 1x 1 hour lesson= \$80.00

Lesson fees are separate from school fees and paid directly to the music tutors.

2) **Family Music Levy:**

- \$260 if enrolled in Semester 1, for the whole year
- Pro-rated at \$130 if enrolled in Semester 2

Music levy is charged once per family, not per student, and this will be paid to the College, and there is no refund if withdrawn from the program.

3) **Music Resources** - music tutors may require students to purchase resources to progress in their music studies. This will be emailed to parents to arrange for payment separately with our recommended supplier.

- **How do I pay for lessons?**

You will be emailed an invoice in week 2 or 3 of each term. Individual lessons are charged pro rata, so the invoice will have the amount of lessons per term listed and the music tutor's bank details for you to make direct payment via bank transfer to.

- **How are lessons scheduled?**

Students will receive 1x 30 minute lesson a week (unless otherwise agreed). All lessons are scheduled directly by our music tutors and visible on your child's timetable. Lessons are scheduled on a rotating basis, Monday to Friday during school hours, so students don't miss more than two of the same lesson or activity throughout the term.

- **Can I request set times or out of school hours for my child?**

Only students in Years 11 & 12 on an ATAR pathway or students with a recognised IEP may negotiate fixed lesson times with the music tutors. All other students will have their lesson scheduled during school hours, including recess and lunch, on a rotating basis.

- **How does my child catch up on the classwork they miss when they are excused for a music lesson?**

It is the student/parent's responsibility to liaise with teachers and find out what work was missed due to the music lesson. The department does not accept responsibility for this.

- **Will the music tutor collect my child from class for their lessons?**

Students new to the Program and do not know where the Secondary School - Building M is located will be picked up for their first lesson. Subsequently, students in Year 3 or below will be collected for lessons by their music tutors. Students in Year 4 and above must check their timetable each week for their lesson, as they are responsible for making their way to the lesson unsupervised.

- **Can I choose who the music tutor will be?**

Preferences for music tutors will be taken into consideration, however due to availability it is not always possible to allocate students to their desired music tutor.

- **What happens if my child is sick or absent?**

All student absences result in the forfeiture of the lesson. If the student has a planned excursion/camp/test they must email their music tutor and/or the music administrator at least a week before to try to arrange a change in lesson.

If your child is sick on the day of the lesson, regardless of prior notification, the student will forfeit the lesson and the lesson will still need to be paid.

- **How do I withdraw my child from lessons?**

Withdrawals can only be made at the end of Term 2 (during the holidays or before Term 3 commences). It must be made in writing to the music tutor and music administrator and a withdrawal form will need to be signed. Withdrawals outside of this timeframe can be negotiated, but early withdrawal fees of up to a full term's fees may be charged.

- **Can I hire my instrument through Carey?**

No – Carey does not hold stock of instruments, so families are required to hire/buy their own instrument prior to the first lesson or band rehearsal. NB: Pianos and percussion/drum kits are on site for lessons, but students studying these still need adequate equipment at home to practice on.

- **Where can instruments be stored before/after lessons?**

Secondary students can store their guitars upstairs in building M near the music administration desk, and all other instruments downstairs between the elevator and the science corridor. All primary students are required to keep their instruments in their classroom.