



KOONUNG
Secondary College

Excellence through endeavour



The Instrumental Music Program

2016

WHY CHOOSE THE KOONUNG SECONDARY COLLEGE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM?

KOONUNG MUSIC AIMS TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO FOLLOW THEIR MUSICAL INTERESTS WITH:

- Experienced Instrumental Teachers with a background in professional performance.
- Core ensembles and auditioned ensembles, VCE Vocal Ensemble, Jazz Band and Rock Bands.
- VCE Music Performance including entry for approved Year 10 students.
- School Musical Productions.
- Music student leadership positions.
- A wide range of performance opportunities within the School and in the community.
- Opportunities for student initiated groups to develop. These include Jazz Bands, Rock Bands and Vocal Groups.

THE BENEFITS OF MUSIC AS A SUBJECT WITHIN THE WHOLE CURRICULUM ARE WELL KNOWN.

Students who join the Music Program integrate into the school community quickly. This is due to the blend of year levels involved in the Music ensembles and intensive individual connections with Instrumental Teachers.

Learning an instrument (including Voice) enhances learning in other subjects and assists personal development. Most of the student school leaders are involved in the Music Program. Many students who achieve high scores in VCE have musical training. It has clear benefits across the curriculum.

Further information on the wide ranging benefits of Music can be found at www.amc-music.org

THE VALUE OF MUSIC EDUCATION

A quality instrumental music education is fundamentally important in the development of your child. Research shows that learning music can help your child in many ways, improving:

- Memory and reasoning capacity.
- Problem solving skills.
- Mathematics and Language performance.
- Self-discipline skills.
- Concentration, memory and self expression.
- Time management skills.
- Social and team skills.

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Our Instrumental Music Program provides excellent opportunities for students to learn and participate in music performances and prepare for VCE music. Students may also choose to be prepared for AMEB examinations.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) funds the program however the funds are not sufficient enough to run a comprehensive Music Program. This situation means that fees are charged and used to maintain and purchase equipment as well as assist with providing teachers for lessons and ensemble classes.

- Students will receive 30 minute lessons.
- VCE students may receive 30 to 60 minute lessons.

NOTE

- Students are required to commit to the Instrumental Music Program for the full year. Teachers may take classes in small groups, especially at the beginner level.
- Instruments are available for hire from the school. Priority is given to Year 7 recruits.
- Parents are responsible for instrumental repairs or loss of the instrument whilst the hire instrument is in the student's care. Please check your insurance, together with your signed Enrolment Form.

ENSEMBLES

Students enrolled in the Music Instrumental Program are required to participate in one core ensemble weekly rehearsal. This is a DET policy and funding is dependent on the number of students in core ensembles. Students are welcome to audition for the other ensembles but enrolment is determined by attendance at the initially selected core ensemble.

CORE ENSEMBLES:

- Koonung Vocal Ensemble
- Concert Band
- Guitar Ensemble
- Percussion Ensemble
- String Group

AUDITIONED ENSEMBLES:

- Rock Bands – Year 8 & 9
- Swing Band
- VCE and other Vocal Groups

SUMMARY OF STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance at all lessons for the year.
- Attendance at supervised weekly ensemble rehearsals as directed by the instrumental teacher.
- Practise at least twenty minutes per day.
- Prior notification of absences is expected for lessons and ensemble/s.
- Participation in scheduled performances.

IMPORTANT DATES – ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

TERM	EVENT	DATE
1	Autumn Concert	16th March 2016
1	Twilight Information Night	20th April 2016
2	Winter Music Concert	15th June 2016
3	Spring Music Concert	7th September 2016
4	Presentation Evening	7th December 2016

INSTRUMENTS OFFERED

Brass

- French Horn
- Trombone
- Trumpet
- Tuba

Classical & Popular Voice

Drum Kit & Percussion

Guitar

- Acoustic
- Electric

Pianoforte

Limited positions available and an interview may be required.

Strings

- Double Bass
- Electric Bass
- Viola
- Violin

Woodwind

- Clarinet
- Flute
- Saxophone

SAXOPHONE HIRE

- Only available to students who have completed one year of Clarinet or Saxophone.

FEES FOR 2016

ITEM	FEE
Instrumental Music Program Fee:	\$500 per year (whole year commitment)
Instrumental Hire Fee if required:	\$150.00 per year (brass, woodwind, strings only)
Student with external teacher ensemble participation:	\$225.00 per year (whole year commitment)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please note that Instrumental Music is an optional extra curricular subject . Please refer to the Parent Payments Policy for further details regarding eligibility for enrolment in this subject. http://www.koonung.vic.edu.au/uploads/ksc/parentpayments_2013.pdf

TIMETABLES

Years 7 to 10 students are placed on a rotating timetable so that the same class is not missed each week. Where possible, VCE students' lessons will be in spares, or before or after school. Lesson times will appear on Compass which is the College's digital information network. The timetables are also placed on the Music noticeboard located near the music office in the theatre. It is the student's responsibility to make sure they attend their lesson at the correct time.

ABSENCES

Absence notes are required, and penalties for unapproved absences, will apply as with any subject.

ATTENDANCE

In accordance with College policy, teachers keep accurate rolls of attendance to lessons and ensemble rehearsals. Students must bring their instrument diary and music to each lesson. It is the student's responsibility to arrange lessons around excursions and tests in other subjects.

MISSED LESSONS

Excursions, tests or other commitments.

Notice must be given to the teacher as soon as possible if a student needs to miss a lesson, so that a possible alternative time can be arranged. Missed lessons may be made up at the end of the year.

SICKNESS

Parent or students must contact their Instrumental Teacher and the Music Coordinator directly via email or phone, preferably the day before, if they will not be attending their lesson. The absence will be counted as absent without notice after 8.30 AM on the day.

WITHDRAWAL

As stated previously, students must commit to a whole year. On the rare occasion that a student wishes to withdraw from the program after commencing lessons, a written application must be made to the Music Co-Ordinator, Mr David Forward. Refunds of the Instrumental Fees are only offered at the Music Coordinator's discretion.

INTEREST

If you are interested in enrolling your son/daughter in the Instrumental Music Program for 2016, please complete and sign the attached forms and return them with your payment to the Cashier's office as detailed in the "Payment Options" Sheet.

Please contact Christopher (David) Forward on 98909662 or by email at forward.christopher.d@edumail.vic.gov.au should you require any further information.

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NEW ENROLMENT FOR 2016

THIS PAGE IS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE NO LATER THAN 8TH DECEMBER 2015.

(Please use block Letters)

Student Name / Year Level 2015: _____

Parent / Guardian / Carer Name: _____

Parent / Guardian / Carer Email Address: _____ Home/Mobile Numbers: _____

Parent / Guardian / Carer Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PRIOR LEARNING (ALL APPLICANTS)

Name the instrument studied and AMEB or other syllabus level achieved prior to 2016.

Instrument: _____ Grade: _____

Prior Instrumental Teacher/s: _____

Do you own your own instrument? _____

Please fill out the following table indicating the fees and charges you are paying for your child's lessons.
Please contact the Business Manager, Linda Millership on 9890 9662 should you wish to discuss payment.

Instruments to be studied *in order of preference*:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FEE

\$500 PER YEAR
TO BE PAID BY 8TH DECEMBER, 2015

Please tick any of the following EXTRA options you wish to use:

- 2016 Instrument Hire Fee if required (Brass, Woodwind, String only): \$150.00
- Students with external teacher - ensemble participation only: \$225.00

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PAYMENT OPTIONS

PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT

Compass Online:

Using your ID and Password to log into the Compass Website - <https://koonung.vic.jdlf.com.au/>

OTHER METHODS OF PAYMENT

- Cash
- Cheque
- EFTPOS (Debit Card without Credit Card attached to it—in person only) or
- Credit Card—either in person, on a payment envelope, by phone or fill in the form below and return it to the Cashier's Office.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Fill in details on the form below and forward to:

Accounts Receivable Department

Koonung Secondary College

P.O. BOX 1202

GREYTHORN 3104

OR By phoning the Accounts Receivable Officer on 9890 9662 with your Credit Card details.

MASTERCARD VISACARD (Please tick whichever is applicable.)

Payment For: _____

Student Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Cardholder Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Card Number:

Expiry Date: ____/____/____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____



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