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ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Individual Music Tuition Terms & Conditions

Orange Anglican Grammar School has a number of highly-experienced music tutors who offer individual lessons on a wide range of instruments as well as singing. Arrangements for music tuition at OAGS is between the tutor and the parent or carer paying for tuition.

Music Practice

Private music tuition is a serious commitment and requires an undertaking on the part of the student to carry out all practice tasks set by the teacher and to attend lessons consistently. Students need to follow the directions of their tutor in order to make the best progress on their instrument.

Tuition Fees

Each term you will be invoiced directly by the Instrumental Music Tutor at either the commencement of each term or towards the end of the term, which means that tuition will NOT be billed to your school account.

Prompt payment of fees is always appreciated by tutors who rely on this as their principal source of income.

All music tuition will be charged at or below the following rates unless by special arrangement with your tutor.

20 minutes (beginners only for 2 terms)	\$28*
30 minutes	\$42*
45 minutes	\$63
60 minutes	\$84

* Please note that a modest increase has been made for 2023, there has been no change to the teaching rate since 2019. Any future rate changes will be listed in this document.

Rescheduling Lessons

If you need to cancel a lesson, 24 hours notice must be given via text or email directly to the tutor. If inadequate notice is given, you will be charged for the lesson. It is at the tutor's discretion to make up missed lessons (including lessons missed due to forgotten equipment/instruments). Tutors are kept up to date by the school regarding major events such as athletics/swimming carnivals and school camps. It is your responsibility to inform the tutor of ALL activities that might interfere with regular lessons.



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Commitment

It is our hope that students enrolling in private music lessons would commit to a full year of tuition. However, should a student wish to discontinue lessons, 30 days notice must be given to the tutor and to the music staff at OAGS. Any remaining fees for the term will be forfeited. Students wishing to discontinue at the end of the term must notify the tutor prior to the end of that term in writing or fees for the following term can be charged. Outstanding fees not paid for tuition will be added to your school account.

Assessment

Students are given reports on their progress at the end of each semester. Student assessment is made in consultation with the Instrumental Music Tutor and the Coordinator of Instrumental Music. External examinations may be taken with the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) which are facilitated within the school or at a venue close by. Please discuss exams with your tutor for further details.

Ensembles

Students learning an instrument/vocals at OAGS are encouraged to participate in at least one school ensemble or choir upon reaching the required standard. See below for ensemble options and conditions of membership.

Instrument Hire

If instrument hire is required please fill out the hire section on the enrolment form. See below for terms and conditions for hire. Students involved in the Beginner Strings or Beginner Band will receive hire as part of the package.

Performance Opportunities

Performance is an important part of learning an instrument. Students will be provided with opportunities to perform both within school ensembles and individually at various events throughout the year. Tutors may hold 'studio concerts', a relaxed chance to perform to a small audience.

Contact us

For assistance with any aspect of the music programmes at OAGS please contact Noel Annett, Coordinator of Instrumental Music by email at noel.annett@oags.nsw.edu.au.



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Instrument Hire Terms & Conditions

OAGS has a number of quality instruments available for hire. Rates are kept as low as possible to make hire accessible to as many students as possible. Hire includes what each student needs to get started as well as maintenance equipment. Cleaning is also provided at the end of each school year. While we encourage all students to ultimately own their own instrument, hire is a cost effective way of getting started. In the long term instrument ownership is a better option.

Available Instruments

OAGS currently provides hire at a flat rate for the following instruments:

Flute / Oboe / Clarinet / Alto Saxophone / Tenor Saxophone
Trumpet / Horn / Trombone / Euphonium
Violin / Cello

Should you require hire of an instrument not listed here please consult the music staff, you never know what they might have in the cupboard.

Instrument accessories (and the replacement of them) such as reeds, strings & rosin are the responsibility of the student. Major repairs and servicing will be carried out by the school.

Instrument Hire Fees

The on-going fee for instrumental hire is \$120 per semester for all instruments. This fee will be charged to your school account in term 2 and term 4. The exception to this is the Beginner Band and Beginner Strings Programmes where instrument hire is included in the fee package.

Parents will be liable for costs for: (a) any damage to instruments caused by a deliberate act or accidental damage on the part of the student and (b) replacement of a lost (through lack of care/negligence) or unreturned instrument. Please report any theft, loss or major damage to the school immediately.

Availability

Instruments will be available for collection from the music department prior to the commencement of tuition. Instruments will only be handed out when the instrument hire form has been submitted.

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Ensemble Membership Terms & Conditions

OAGS offers a wide variety of ensembles to cater for the needs of most music students. A list of these appears on the application form. All students undertaking tuition on an instrument are encouraged to join at least one ensemble where applicable as a way to expand their experience and facilitate a more rapid improvement in playing.

Why have an Ensemble Fee? What does it pay for?

Many of the ensembles at OAGS are run by professional staff and tutors, they need to be paid every time they run a rehearsal or attend a performance. While these costs were covered somewhat in the past, from 2023 all costs associated with running ensembles must be covered by the participants. Other costs covered include the purchase, copying and provision of sheet music and the ongoing maintenance of the school instruments and equipment associated with ensembles such as percussion equipment and music stands.

Ensemble Fees

Fees for ensemble membership are set at a flat \$80 per semester for all participants with the exception of the Beginner groups (see below). No matter how many groups a student is involved in, it is one flat fee. Ensemble fees will be charged to your school account in term 2 and term 4. There will be no refund of fees if a student withdraws from the ensemble programme part way through the semester.

Vocal Ensembles

There is no fee applicable to participation in any of the school vocal groups, primary or secondary.

Beginner Band Package

Participants in the Beginner Band and Beginner Strings Programmes will pay one flat fee of \$100 per semester. This will cover group tuition, instrument hire and ensemble participation (where applicable). We hope that this provides a cost effective way to try an instrument. Students are only eligible to participate in this programme once during their time at OAGS. For example, it is not possible to be a 'beginner clarinet' one year, then a 'beginner trumpet' in another year. The only exception to this would be a move from Beginner Strings to the Beginner Band.

Participants in the Beginner Band Programme must fill out the Instrument Hire part of the form, unless the student already has their own instrument.

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