

MFPS Beginner Strings Program Enrolment

Today your child was able to see various string instruments and was measured for size. The results of this will be emailed to you within 48 hours, prior to your completing online enrolment.

BEGINNER STRINGS PROGRAM

Beginner Strings Tuition is open to students in Kindergarten and Year 1. This program is run with weekly half-hour group lessons for students with no prior experience. Students will form a Beginner Ensemble in Term 4 (in addition to their weekly lesson) for a performance at the end of the year. After 12 months of learning, beginner students will need to locate private instrumental tuition offsite and join a school string ensemble.

LESSONS

Small group lessons will take place **on Tuesdays after school between 3-6pm**. If required, another tuition day may be added depending on enrolments.

Lesson times will be advised by email. Students will require adult supervision before and after their lesson time.

Tuition fees are \$35 enrolment fee (includes tuition book) plus lesson fees of **\$220** per term.

INSTRUMENTS

Instruments available for tuition are **violin, viola, and cello**.

Instrument hire is available under a rent-to-buy plan:

All rental fees include \$3/month recommended insurance

- Violin: \$33/month
- Viola: \$33/month
- Cello: \$43/month

New instrument purchase is also available.

ENROLMENT

Please click on the QR code to complete an online enrolment for your child:



Terms & Conditions – MFPS Beginner String Program

Fees - string ensemble rehearsals/lessons are provided on a term basis with each term typically consisting of 9 -11 rehearsals/lessons **or** performance opportunities. Fees are payable at the commencement of each term and include *all* rehearsals and performances for the term. If a *public holiday, pupil free day* or other '*whole school*' activity occurs and **less than 9 rehearsals/performances** are achieved, an alternative rehearsal/performance opportunity will be provided. Due to timetabling restrictions & varying term lengths, this extra rehearsal/performance may not always take place in the same term.

Payment Options – lesson fees are payable at commencement of each term. Payment options are:

- a) Direct debit from your credit card –TSA can automatically debit your credit card at the beginning of each school term

OR

- b) Invoice emailed to you at term commencement & **payable within 14 days** by phone with credit card, or online by EFT.

Creative Kids Voucher – TSA is registered for NSW Government's 'Creative Kids' program. If you are eligible for this voucher, details on how to use it towards your school band fees can be found on the TSA website.

Student Absences – please note that tuition is a '**full term**' commitment and we employ teaching staff for a full term in advance. Due to the nature of group rehearsals and group tuition, individual student absences cannot be made up. As such, no refund is provided for student absences.

Withdrawal - minimum commitment for tuition is **1 term**. Notice of withdrawal must be given to the TSA office **prior to the new term commencing** or that term's fees will be charged. No refund is given for mid-term withdrawal (*we will give consideration for hardship*). You may incur **late fees** or your child may be **excluded** from rehearsals if fees remain unpaid.

Correspondence – your child's school office will not be responsible for handling any TSA business. All **communication** shall be with **TSA** via email.

Practise – it is expected that students practise their instrument at home regularly. How much and how frequent will depend upon a student's ability and experience but TSA suggests parents help students establish a regular practise 'chart' or schedule if possible.

Performances – all members of the ensembles are expected to attend all performances. Advance notice of performance dates will be provided to families, and if there is an unavoidable conflict the conductor must be notified.

INSTRUMENT

Instrument Rental (if available) – \$33-\$43 per month, depending on the instrument and 3-month minimum hire term. Parents are responsible for any repair costs should the instrument be damaged.

Second-hand Instrument Sales – to enquire about any second-hand violins available for purchase please contact the TSA office directly on 9651 7333 ext 2. The MFPS Strings Committee may also be able to connect you with families who are selling a secondhand instrument.