



The Friends' School Vocal and Instrumental Tuition Guidelines – 2026

Community music making at The Friends' School provides an opportunity to nurture the academic, cultural, physical, social and spiritual development of each person in our care. Playing and/or singing in an ensemble is therefore central to Music at Friends'.

We provide optional individual instrumental and vocal tuition **from Year 3 onwards** to support student participation in ensembles, and to assist with the technical demands of solo and ensemble performance work.

- Once approved, lessons are offered on a user-pays basis at a rate of \$58.00 per half hour.
- All students who have lessons on the School premises at any time of day will be encouraged to be involved in an ensemble (once they have developed an appropriate level of skill) or to elect Music as a subject (Years 9 to 12). The 2026 rehearsal schedule may be found [here](#).
- Usual lesson length will be 30 minutes.
- Students in Years 7-12 may require a longer period of 45-60 minutes.
- All lessons for students in Years 3-6 will be 30 minutes.
- In most cases, students are withdrawn from class to attend a lesson organised by the School:
 - For students in Year 3-6, times dedicated to literacy, numeracy and specialist lessons are not available. The Head of School, in consultation with the classroom teachers, has the final say on whether a student is able to receive individual tuition during the school day and on when lessons are scheduled.
 - Lessons for students in Years 7-10 will be organised, where possible, on a rotating roster to avoid students missing the same lesson each week. The Head of School, in consultation with the classroom teachers, has the final say on whether a student is able to receive individual tuition during the school day and on when lessons are scheduled.
 - Students in Years 11 and 12 will have lessons during a Study Period or before or after school.
- When a student learns more than one instrument, subsequent lessons will be out of class time.

- Tutors will contact parents/students directly to confirm their lesson day and time as these details become available.
- It is the student's responsibility to find out what class work has been missed when attending Music tuition.
- Parents will only be charged for lessons which have taken place or where 24-hour's notice was **not** received for an absence. Payment for charged lessons will appear on the next term's School account.
- It is the parent's responsibility to contact the tutor directly in the first instance at least 24 hours before an absence, otherwise the lesson fee will be charged. If this is not possible, please email [Music Administration](#) or phone 6238 2396 at The School.
- Additional lessons for performance or exam preparation must take place outside the school day on campus.
- All Music lessons will commence early in Term 1. Registration is required before this, to guarantee availability with a tutor.
- A range of instruments are available for hire through the school at a cost of \$90 per term. Hire instruments become the responsibility of the student and their parents and if lost, full replacement must occur at the parent's expense. Click [here](#) to request the hire of an instrument.
- Students will be required to purchase prescribed music and to have a notebook that they take to every lesson. Tutors will use the notebook to record practice goals for the following week.
- During the year, a parent meet and greet evening will take place, where students' families are able to meet their tutors.
- Students playing a reed instrument will need to supply their own reeds at all times. It is suggested that they have a couple of spares as back-ups as well.

Please use [this link](#) to register for 2026 Music Tuition.

Further information about the instrumental hire may be obtained from Tam Bloomfield, Music Administrative Assistant, by phoning 6238 2396 or via email on musicadmin@friends.tas.edu.au