



Performing Arts at Wantirna College

Instrumental Music 2020





The 2018 Gala Concert

Melbourne Recital Centre

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT WANTIRNA COLLEGE

Wantirna College is proud to be a leader of Instrumental Music in Victoria. The College has a holistic approach to music education, with students actively engaged in both instrumental lessons and a vibrant ensemble program. In the recent Parliamentary Inquiry into the benefits of music education, the researchers found conclusive evidence that:

- *Music Education can enhance student engagement and wellbeing, personal and social development, and contribute to learning in other subject areas.*
- *Music education benefits schools by encouraging and modelling cohesive communities.*
- *Music has economic, cultural and social benefits for the wider community, including providing a pathway to employment in a range of occupations, increasing cultural vibrancy, and contributing to greater cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.**

At Wantirna College, students have weekly group or individual lessons with leading music educators in the State. All students work through a documented instrumental music curriculum, with opportunities to access and prepare for Australian Music Examination Board examinations, Trinity College Music Examinations and also an internal music examination process.

Wantirna College offers tuition in the following instruments:

- **Trumpet, French Horn, Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba**
- **Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass**
- **Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Saxophone, Bassoon**
- **Piano**
- **Voice**
- **Percussion**
- **Bass Guitar, Guitar**

As part of the extensive ensemble program, Wantirna College offers participation to students in the following ensembles:

Core Ensembles:

- **Junior Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band**
- **Guitar Ensemble**
- **Percussion Ensemble**
- **String Orchestra, String Ensemble**
- **Middle Years Choir, Later Years Choir**

Extension Ensembles:

- **Contemporary Bands**
- **VoxEns**
- **Stage Band**

Wantirna College strongly believes that Music Education should be available to all students, so lessons and ensemble participation is heavily subsidised and offered to families at a very low rate.

Daniel van Bergen

Leader of Performing Arts
Wantirna College

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STAFF

At Wantirna College, we have a very experienced, professional and passionate team of instrumental teachers, ready to help your child develop their musical abilities.

Mr Daniel van Bergen

GradDipTeach; BMus(Perf); ATCL; AMusA; ADipA.

Leader of Performing Arts

Brass & Classroom Music

Mr Lachlan Barratt

BEd; BMus; DipMus.

Guitar & Classroom Music

Mr Jack Bennett

BMus.

Percussion & Drum Kit

Ms Michelle Dang

BMus/BSci candidate.

Piano

Mrs Sue Dowdell

DipArts(Music).

Viola & Violin

Mr Anthony Foon

BMus(Hons); MTeach.

Brass

Mrs Kim Green

BEd; BMusEd; MA; AMusA(Flute).

Flute & Clarinet

Mr Andrew Jacobs

BEd(Mus).

Oboe & Bassoon

Ms Michelle Lam

BA; BMus(Hons); MTeach(Sec). AMusA; LMusA(Piano & Electronic Organ).

Piano & Classroom Music

Mr Stephen Langley

BMus(Hons); DipAppSc; DipEd.

Cello & Double Bass

Ms Emily McKenzie

BA/BMus; DipEd.

Voice

Mrs Belinda Parsons

MTeach(Sec); GradDipEd(Sec); BMusPerf(Voice); AISTD(Dance); Estill Cert 1 & 2.

Voice

Mr Nathaniel Poynter

BEd; BMus; Cert I V(Food Handling).

Saxophone & Clarinet

Miss Maddie Weybury

BMus; AdvDip(Jazz).

Electric Bass

Mrs Cathy Rouse

DipT.(Prim) - Music major.

Performing Arts Administrator

PERFORMING ARTS OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

The Performing Arts Office has the direct phone number
(03) 9881 7149 with voicemail facility, so that we do not miss your call.

Either Mrs Cathy Rouse, the Performing Arts Administrator, or Mr Daniel van Bergen, the Leader of Performing Arts, will return your call if you leave a message on voicemail.

Alternatively, you can contact us via email at:

cr@wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au (Mrs Cathy Rouse)
dva@wantirnacollege.vic.edu.au (Mr Daniel van Bergen)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FEES *

The Wantirna College Instrumental Program is a self funded program. This means that money raised from the very low annual fees, is the money that is used to run the program.

As a result, there are compulsory fees that must be paid **BEFORE** your child can become involved in the program.

Please also note that music fees are non-refundable.

These fees cover part of the expense of running a successful program and providing our students with quality specialist music teachers. They also contribute to the purchase of sheet music, hire instruments and equipment, and their associated repair and maintenance costs, and many other program-associated costs.

New to 2020, accompaniment will be provided for school events. There is also an additional accompanist and equipment hire fee for VCE students, due to the additional accompaniment they require (see next page).

We offer lessons that are far less expensive than private tuition. However, the fees charged do not completely cover the costs generated by your child participating in the program.

Additional costs incurred by each student can include: purchasing instruments, servicing and repairing instruments, music camps and excursions, bus transport to and from performances, and fees for AMEB and Trinity Guildhall practical and theory exams (which are optional exams).

ENSEMBLE UNIFORM

All Instrumental & Vocal students need to purchase an ensemble uniform for performing at various events during the year. Please refer to page 5.

MUSIC CAMPS

In 2020, there will be one Music camp for Instrumental and Voice students. The Music Camp will run from Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th June and will involve all students in the program.

The cost for the camp will be \$260** and it will be held at Forest Edge CYC, 405 Menzies Rd, Neerim East. All students will be transported to and from the camp by bus.

Students in Stage Band and VoxEns (our auditioned vocal group), will have the opportunity to attend 'Generations in Jazz' in Mt Gambier, SA in May. Further information about this event will be made available to the students involved.

** Subject to school council approval*

***Eligible parents can use CSEF funding towards the cost of camps.*

2020 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FEES*

Please note – ‘voice’ is an ‘instrument’

Instrumental Lesson Fee (including VCE): \$550 for one instrument, per year

VCE Accompanist & Equipment

Hire Fee: \$265 per year (VCE students only)

Additional Instrument Lesson Fee: \$300 per year for each additional instrument learnt

Instrument Hire Fee (College instruments only): \$275 per year for each instrument hired from the school

Ensemble Only Fee \$175 per year for students not learning an instrument or having voice lessons at school

RE-ENROLMENTS

A link to a **Google re-enrolment form** will be emailed to all current parents in October, to be submitted by the end of October. Once the form has been submitted online, each re-enrolling student's music fees will be added to their parent's Compass portal. **A \$250 deposit** must be paid on Compass by Thursday 14th November 2019** for the student to secure a place in the program for 2020.

*** Students who are enrolling in 'Ensemble Only' will need to pay the full \$175 fee (which will appear on Compass instead of the \$250 deposit) by Thursday 14th November 2020.*

NEW ENROLMENTS

The Music Information Night on **Tuesday 12th November at 7:30pm**, will give prospective students a chance to try out instruments they may wish to learn, and complete an **'Expression of Interest' form**, before the evening concludes. The college will then **email** applicants an **'Invitation to Participate'**, with an **instrument offer** and will ask parents to reply 'Yes' or 'No' to the email, to confirm their acceptance or rejection of the offer. If a parent replies 'Yes', the associated charges will be added to Compass and will appear on the parent's Compass portal. **A \$250 deposit must be paid on Compass by Friday 24th January 2020.**

PURCHASING AND/OR HIRING INSTRUMENTS

Please consult your child's instrumental teacher before purchasing an instrument. Further information is given on pages 8 & 9 of this handbook.

ENSEMBLE UNIFORM

All instrumental and vocal students are required to wear an ensemble uniform, when performing at various events during the year.

Boys: Wantirna College ensemble shirt, black shoes, black socks and black tailored pants (no denim).

Girls: Wantirna College ensemble shirt, black shoes, and either black socks and black tailored pants (no denim), or black skirt with black tights.

The Wantirna College ensemble shirts are available at a cost of \$30 from the Wantirna College Uniform Shop. Black tailored pants can be found at Kmart and Lowes.

** Subject to school council approval*

LESSON INFORMATION

Every student will have lessons in small groups, with a maximum of up to five students per group. Each lesson lasts for 48 minutes (one single period) and takes place during normal school hours. The day the student has their lesson depends on the instrument they are learning and which teacher is providing the lessons:

Students are expected to go to their instrumental lessons instead of their regular classes. *

Year 12 students are not required to miss classes and will have their instrumental lessons scheduled either during their study periods, before or after school, or at lunchtime – depending on timetabling constraints.

*** Please note that students should also go to their instrumental lessons even when they are on Monitor Duty at the General Office, the Middle Years Office or the Later Years Office.**

The timetable for each student's instrumental lessons rotates week by week through various periods in the day. It is the student's responsibility to catch up on any work they miss in their normal classes while having an instrumental music lesson.

Each student's Instrumental music lesson and ensemble times can be accessed on their individual Compass schedule (see sample timetable for one week on the next page, with music lesson and ensemble rehearsal circled).

IMPORTANT: Year 7-11 students who have assessments when their music lesson is scheduled, should still attend their music lesson and their classroom teacher will reschedule their assessment. (Year 12 students are never scheduled during class time).

It is mandatory that all students having instrumental or vocal lessons provided by the College, will participate in a core ensemble, as appropriate to their instrument and standard.
Students will only receive lessons if they are a part of our ensembles.

Piano students are required to be in a Choir or the Percussion Ensemble. There are a limited number of spaces available in other ensembles for piano students, by invitation only.

Students will be notified which ensemble they are in and when rehearsals commence. Some beginning students will commence ensembles later in the year than others, depending on their instrument and level of expertise.

We currently have fifteen ensembles, which rehearse either before or after school, or at lunchtime, on various days of the week.

Students having private instrumental tuition outside of the College are also invited and encouraged to participate in our College ensembles (please refer to 'Ensemble Only' fee on p. 5).

Student:

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IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT INFORMATION

PERCUSSION STUDENTS – Students choosing to learn percussion are required to purchase a Percussion Pack that has been put together specifically for the Percussion students at Wantirna College. It includes drum sticks, one pair of glock mallets, and an optimum glockenspiel with bag, practice pad and stand. The cost is around \$300, but includes quality instruments that will retain their value. The pack is available to order online at <https://www.optimumpercussion.com.au/index.php/optimum-glockenspiel-with-bag-practice-pad-stand.html>

PIANO STUDENTS – Students choosing to learn piano must purchase their own keyboard to use for practising at home. (If there is already a piano at home, there is no need to purchase a keyboard). We recommend a weighted, 88 key instrument. This could be a Yamaha P45 or P35, available from Keyboard Corner in Boronia (ph. 9761 0003).

GUITAR & ELECTRIC BASS STUDENTS – Students learning Guitar and Electric Bass are required to purchase their own instrument. If you are learning an electric instrument, you will also require an amplifier for home use. The College owns amplifiers, which the students can use during lessons and ensemble rehearsals – however, they are not hired out to students to use at home. Students learning Electric Bass will be required to purchase their own amplifiers for home practice.

We recommend the purchase of either Yamaha or Fender acoustic guitars.

Fender or Squire are the recommended brands when purchasing an Electric Bass. We particularly recommend the 'Beginner Bass and Amp Combo' from the *Bass Centre* in South Melbourne.

ALL OTHER INSTRUMENTS – Please consult your Instrumental teacher before purchasing.

***Note** : instruments from Aldi are not suitable



HIRING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

****Please consult your child's Instrumental teacher before purchasing an instrument****

Instruments from ALDI are not suitable for learning on.

Students participating in the Instrumental Music Program at Wantirna College may choose to either:

Buy a brand new instrument – either outright or on a payment plan.

Hire/Buy a pre-loved instrument **with option to buy at any time.**

Hire an instrument from the College for one year at a cost of \$275.*

* (See **Option 3** below for further information).

Option 1

Buy a BRAND NEW instrument from a variety of suppliers, either outright or on a purchase plan.

We recommend the following suppliers:

- Fine Music - finemusiconline.com.au 9818 8520
- Ozwind - www.ozwinds.com.au 9578 3677
- Future Music - futuremusic.com.au 9808 8988
- Musiccorp - www.musiccorp.com.au 1300 959 911
- Bows for Strings - bowsforstrings.com 8802 7905

Option 2

Hire a PRE-LOVED instrument with a buy out option.

See list of suppliers above.

Option 3

Hire an instrument* from the College (limited numbers available).

* **The College is able to hire out all instruments EXCEPT: Guitar, Electric Bass, Percussion or Piano/Keyboard (see p.8).**

Minimum 1 Year Commitment and \$275 hire fee.

Student returns instrument at the end of the school year.

To hire an instrument from the College, please indicate this on your online enrolment form and a Wantirna College Instrument Hire form will be emailed to you for completion. The hire instrument will be issued to your child at their first lesson, as long as the Google Hire form has been completed and submitted online.

****Please consult
your child's
Instrumental teacher
BEFORE purchasing
an instrument ****

ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR NEW STUDENTS

Music Information Night Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.30pm

The Music Information Night is an opportunity to hear more about the extensive program at the College, try out instruments and to submit an ***‘Expression of Interest’*** form before the evening concludes.

****Please note: only instruments which you are really interested in learning should be listed on the form. If you are only interested in one particular instrument, please do not write down any other instruments on the form.***

The Music Office will then **email** applicants an ***‘Invitation to Participate’***, with an ***instrument offer*** and will ask parents to reply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ to the email, to confirm their acceptance or rejection of the offer. If a parent replies ‘Yes’, the associated charges will be added to Compass and will appear on the parent’s Compass portal. **A \$250 deposit must be paid on Compass by Friday 24th January, 2020.****

Lessons Begin

As long as the deposit has been paid by 24th January, the student’s timetable will appear on their Compass schedule, after Year 7 camp.

Instrument Hire

Students who are hiring an instrument from the school, will be issued with their instrument during their first lesson.



**** A delay in paying the deposit, may result in a delay in lesson commencement in 2020**



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VISION STATEMENT

Wantirna College is a leading school for the Performing Arts in the state of Victoria and provides outstanding Performing Arts education, unique co curricular opportunities and a flourishing instrumental music program focused on the development of the next generation of musicians, actors, dancers and creative young people in Australia.

VALUES

Excellence & Professionalism
Dedication & Teamwork
Resilience & Risk Taking
Integrity & Leadership

These values are seen as intrinsic to the holistic development of young artists in Australia.

