



Wantirna College Performing Arts

Instrumental Music 2021





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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.*¹*

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*²:

- **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, Advanced Guitar Ensemble**
- **String Orchestra, String Ensemble**
- **Middle Years Choir, Later Years Choir**

Extension Ensembles:

- **Contemporary Bands**
- **VoxEns**
- **Stage Band**
- **Percussion Ensemble**

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

*¹ p.5. Inquiry into the extent, benefits and potential of music education in Victorian schools, 2013, the Government of Victoria
*² Other instruments may be available upon request.

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.

Daniel van Bergen

GradDipTeach; BMus; ATCL; AMusA; ADipA.

Leader of Performing Arts

Brass & Classroom Music

Lachlan Barratt

BEd; BMus; DipMus.

Guitar & Classroom Music

Jack Bennett

BMus.

Percussion & Drum Kit

Michelle Dang

BMus/BSci candidate.

Piano

Jenny Occleshaw

BMus.

Viola & Violin

Paula Grinbergs

MMus(PerfTeach); Bteach; BMus; DipEd

Woodwind

Andrew Jacobs

BEd(Mus).

Double Reed

Michelle Lam

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

Piano, Classroom Music & Accompaniment

Stephen Langley

BMus(Hons); DipAppSc; DipEd.

Cello & Double Bass

Emily McKenzie

BA; BMus; DipEd.

Voice

Belinda Parsons

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

Voice

Nathaniel Poynter

BEd; BMus;

Woodwind

Jonathan Skovron

MMus(PerfTeach); BMus(Improv); GradDipEd

Piano, Classroom Music & Accompaniment

Maddie Weybury

BMus; AdvDip(Jazz).

Electric Bass

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.

Accompaniment is 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 may 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 2021 there will be one Music camp for Instrumental and Voice students. The Music Camp will run from Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th June and will involve all students in the program.

The cost for the camp will be \$275** 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), may 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.*

2021 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 (covers all ensembles)

RE-ENROLMENTS

A link to a **Microsoft re-enrolment form** will be emailed to all current parents in October, **to be submitted by Thursday 8th October 2020**. 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 Friday 27th November 2020** for the student to secure a place in the program for 2021. *** 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 Friday 27th November 2020.*

NEW ENROLMENTS

The **online Music Information Night on Thursday 3rd December**, will give prospective parents and students important information about the Instrumental Music program and give them the opportunity to ask questions. Parents of students who already have prior experience on an instrument, will be given a link to an online 'Application for Students with Prior Experience', before the evening concludes. **On Monday 1st February 2021, all Year 7 students** will attend an **'Instrument Trial Day'** where they will have the chance to try out instruments they may wish to learn at school. Afterwards, an online **'Expression of Interest' form** will be emailed home to parents, so that interested students can apply to learn their selected instrument/s. The college will then **email** successful 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 will be payable within six (6) weeks of enrolment in the program.**

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.

LESSON INFORMATION

Every student will have lessons in small groups, with a maximum of up to four students per group. Each lesson lasts for 37 minutes (half of a 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:

Active

Dashboard		Schedule	Personal	Learning Tasks	Attendance	Reports	Analytics
Today	Jump to: 26/07/2018	Go					
	Jul 22, 2018	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25	Thu 26	Fri 27	Sat 28
8am							
9am		1. Introduction re...	8:54: 1 - 10HGA - C3 - WHJ 9:02: 2 - S0SBA - C3 - MIN PIANOH - MS 4 -	8:54: 1 - 10HGA - C3 - WHJ 9:02: 2 - HOMFB - F9 - POT 9:50: 3 - HOMFB - F9 - POT	8:54: 1 - 10HGA - C3 - WHJ 9:02: 2 - S0P SB - F8 - LEE 9:50: 3 - S0P SB - F8 - LEE	8:54: 1 - 10HGA - C3 - WHJ 9:02: 2 - E0ENC - E3 - DIT 9:50: 3 - E0ENC - E3 - DIT	
10am			11:03: 4 - E0ENC - E3 - DIT	11:03: 4 - M0ACD - I3 - LAJ	11:03: 4 - S0SBA - C3 - MIN JSTE	11:03: 4 - HOMFB - F9 - POT	
11am			11:03: Year 10 MGA - A7 - PEA Assembly	11:51: 5 - M0ACD - I3 - LAJ	11:51: 5 - S0SBA - C3 - MIN JSTE	11:51: 5 - HOMFB - F9 - POT	
12pm			11:51: 5 - E0ENC - E3 - DIT		12:39: STAGEBAND - THEATRE - POY		
1pm			1:39: 6 - HOMFB - F9 - POT	1:39: Macbeth Performance DIT C - WAC	1:39: 6 - A0MTA - J1 - DVA	1:39: 6 - S0P SB - F8 - LEE	
2pm			2:27: 7 - M0ACD - I3 - LAJ	2:27: 7 - E0ENC - I6 - DIT	2:27: 7 - M0ACD - I3 - LAJ EAS	2:27: 7 - A0MTA - J1 - DVA	
3pm							

* Please note – Period times will be different in 2021

***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 drumsticks, 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
- Ozwinds - www.ozwinds.com.au 9578 3677
- Future Music - futuremusic.com.au 9808 8988
- Musicorp - www.musicorp.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

Instrument Trial Day Monday 1st February 2021

The Instrument Trial Day for all Year 7 students is an opportunity to try out instruments and to tick which instrument/s you are most interested in learning, on an *'Instrument Trial Day'* form.

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

The Music Office will then **email** parents 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 within six (6) weeks of enrolment in the program.**

Instrument Hire

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





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.

