



## Vermont Secondary College

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### VERMONT SECONDARY COLLEGE INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM NEW ENROLMENT

At Vermont Secondary College we are excited to be able to offer your child the opportunity to be involved in our outstanding Music Program which has an excellent reputation both within the local community and the State.

We believe all children can benefit from learning an instrument and we will endeavour to provide the environment under which every new student to the school can explore their potential.

This program is an Optional Education Item payable in advance and if you want your child to participate you will need to return the Instrumental and Vocal Music Program Enrolment Form.

#### Instrumental Music Lessons

We have experienced and highly qualified teachers on the following instruments:

Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone (Alto, Tenor and Baritone), Trumpet, Trombone, French horn, Euphonium, Tuba, Strings (Viola, Violin and Cello), Percussion and Drums, Voice, Guitar and Bass Guitar.

Instrumental music lessons are for 35 minutes and given in groups of students who are at a similar standard.

Each student will attend at least two lessons per week. These are:

1. Instrumental music lesson arranged on a rotating timetable during the school day.
2. Ensemble rehearsal held outside the school day: before school, at lunchtime or after school. Many students elect to become members of more than one ensemble.

#### Ensembles and Choir

The quality of our ensemble and choral program is excellent. **Participation in an ensemble is a compulsory component of instrumental music tuition.** In addition to a weekly instrumental music lesson, **students MUST belong to at least one ensemble.** This involves regular rehearsals and participation in all concerts and festivals. Students who learn their instrument privately are also positively encouraged to participate in the school's ensemble program.

#### Tentative Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule 2016

<i>Ensemble</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Level</i>
Junior Band	Monday	1:00-1:45pm	Woodwind, brass & percussion.	Beginner
Concert Band	Thursday Friday	3:30-4:45pm 7:45-8:30am	Woodwind, brass, strings & percussion	Intermediate to Advanced
Stage Band	Tuesday	3:30-4:30pm	Saxophones, trumpet, trombone, piano, guitar, bass & percussion.	Advanced
Guitar Ensemble AM Session	Monday	7:30- 8:30pm	Guitar & Bass.	Beginner to Advanced
Guitar Ensemble PM Session	Monday	3:15 – 4:15pm	Guitar & Bass.	
Percussion Ensemble	Wednesday	1:00-1:45pm	Percussionists	Beginner to Advanced
Rock Stars	Wednesday or Friday	3:30-4:30pm	Singers, keyboard, guitar, bass & drums.	Intermediate to Advanced
Choir	Tuesday	3:15-4:15pm	Singers.	Beginner to Advanced
String Orchestra	Thursday	3:15-4:15pm	String Players	Beginner to Advanced

#### Cost

Students taking instrumental or singing lessons at the college are required to pay an Instrumental Music Levy of \$115 per term, and to pay for printed music used in their lessons. Drum students are asked to buy sticks, a practice pad and a book.

Some students choose to learn two instruments with the school. Students learning two instruments will receive a 50% discount for the second instrument. Please discuss the option of learning two instruments with Ms. Kim Green or Khristian Mizzi if you are interested.

Students participating in ensembles but not taking lessons pay an Ensemble Levy of \$52.00 per term.

### **Instruments**

Any student owned instrument **MUST** be clearly labelled with the students name before being brought to school. Instruments are to be kept in the music store room during school hours.

### **Instruments for Hire**

A variety of instruments may be hired from the college. (Guitars and drums are not available for hire).

The Hire Levy for instruments is \$40 per term

Many students buy their own instruments, particularly if they wish to learn flute, clarinet, or saxophone. Some music stores offer hire purchase schemes and buying a used instrument is also worth consideration. The instrumental teachers will be happy to give advice concerning the purchase of an appropriate instrument.

### **Payment**

**Note: Levies are payable in advance at the beginning of each term**

<b>Instrumental Music Levy:</b> \$ 115.00 per term <i>this includes participation in lessons and ensembles</i>
<b>Instrument Hire Levy:</b> \$ 45.00 per term

OR

<b>Ensemble Levy:</b> \$ 50.00 per term <i>participation in ensembles only</i>
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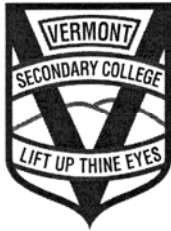
### **Parent/Teacher Communication**

Students must bring a notebook to lessons to record practice notes, rehearsal plan and communication with parents. Teachers will also write an instrumental report to be included in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 school reports.

If you have any further questions regarding the Vermont Secondary College Music Program please contact Khristian Mizzi on 8872 6322 during school hours.

K. Green  
Instrumental Music & Performance Leader

Khristian Mizzi  
Music Administration



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**VERMONT SECONDARY COLLEGE  
INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM  
NEW ENROLMENT FORM**

**THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE WANTING TO APPLY FOR  
2016 MUSIC AND VOCAL TUITION**

Tuition is available for:

**Woodwind**  
Flute                  Clarinet                  Oboe                  Bassoon                  Saxophone (Alto, Tenor & Baritone)

**Brass**  
Trumpet                  Trombone                  French horn                  Euphonium                  Tuba

**Percussion**  
Percussion (*this includes lessons on drum kit and other percussion instruments*)

**Strings**  
Violin                  Viola                  Cello

**Other**  
Voice                  Guitar                  Bass Guitar (*please note there are limited places for voice and guitar*)

Student's Name: .....2016 Year Level .....

Address:..... Postcode ..... Date of Birth.....

Telephone: ..... Parents' email (for notices).....

Would like tuition for the following:.....

Current approximate level:       Beginner                   Intermediate                   Advanced

Do you wish to hire an instrument?                   Yes                   No  
*(Note: Drums and guitars not available for hire)*

If unable to gain a place in this instrument, my second choice would be: .....

Does your child currently learn an instrument?       Yes                   No

If yes, which instrument? .....

The ensemble my child will be attending is:.....

***Please complete the Instrumental Music Contract over page***

**2016 INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC CONTRACT**

This is an agreement between the College, parents and student.

Student's Name .....

Parent/Guardian's Name .....

We agree to the following terms and conditions concerning participation in the Vermont Secondary College Instrumental and Vocal Music Program in 2016

- To meet all associated levies and charges. **I understand that failure to do so will result in lessons being suspended or cancelled.**
- To meet any additional charges incurred by students participating in the program.
- The student MUST attend all scheduled lessons, ensemble rehearsals and performances.
- Students may have the opportunity to arrange make-up lessons for any that are missed due to other school activities; however this MUST be discussed with your Instrumental teacher prior to the event.
- There will be NO refunds given for students who choose to leave the program during the term.  
**(Special circumstances may be considered but any request is subject to approval by College Council).**
- The student/parents/guardians MUST provide, in writing, four (4) weeks' notice prior to the commencement of the term, of any withdrawal from the program.
- The student/parents/guardians MUST provide in writing reasons for any absences from scheduled lessons, ensemble rehearsals and performances.
- The student/parents/guardians will pay for any wilful damage to instruments hired from the College while in the students' possession.

Student Signature ..... Date .....

Parent/Guardian Signature ..... Date .....

**Please return this form to the Vermont Secondary College Music Department**  
*You will receive a confirmation notice once your child's enrolment in the program is confirmed*