



## Vermont Secondary College

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# VERMONT SECONDARY COLLEGE INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM NEW ENROLMENT 2018

At Vermont Secondary College, we are excited to be able to offer your child the opportunity to be involved in our outstanding Music Program.

It has been well established that all children benefit from learning a musical instrument and we provide the environment under which every new student to the school can explore their musical potential. While this is an optional program, once students enrol it is treated like an elective subject with regular assessment and reporting. Students may choose to enrol in Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) exams and the program leads to Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) subjects.

If you want your child to participate you will need to return the Instrumental and Vocal Music Program Enrolment Form.

**Please note that participation in the program is a full year commitment.**

### Instrumental Music Lessons

Vermont Secondary College has a team of experienced and highly qualified teachers who offer lessons on the following instruments:

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

Instrumental music lessons run for 35 minutes and are given in groups of up to four students. Students are grouped according to standard. These lessons are organised on a rotating timetable during the day, where students come out of a different half class each week.

### Ensembles

**Participation in an ensemble is a compulsory component of instrumental music tuition.** These ensembles take place outside the normal class time (before school, after school and lunchtimes). Students are expected to regularly attend their allocated ensemble. Students who learn their instrument privately are also positively encouraged to participate in the school's ensemble program.

### Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule 2018

<b>Ensemble</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Level</b>
Junior Band	Tuesday(TBC)	Lunch time	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
Intermediate Band	Thursday	7:45-8:30am	Woodwind, brass & percussion	Intermediate
Junior Guitar Ensemble	Monday	Lunchtime	Guitar & bass	Juniors
Senior Guitar Ensemble	Monday	Lunchtime	Guitar & bass	Advanced
Percussion Ensemble	Thursday	Lunchtime	Percussionists	Beginner to Advanced
Contemporary Program	Wednesday or Friday	Lunchtimes & 3:30-4:30pm	Singers, keyboard, guitar, bass & drums	Intermediate to Advanced
Vermont Voices (Choir)	Tuesday	3:15-4:15pm	Singers	Beginner to Advanced
String Orchestra	Thursday	3:15-4:30pm	String Players	Intermediate to Advanced
Junior Strings	Thursday	8.00-8.30am From term 2	Violin, viola, cello & double bass	Beginner

## Cost

Students taking instrumental or singing lessons at the college are required to pay an Instrumental Music Levy of **\$480 per year** (\$120 payable at the beginning of each term). Students studying VCE Music Performance Units 3 & 4 who learn at school will pay a levy of \$150 per term.

Some students choose to learn two instruments within the school program. Students learning two instruments will receive a 50% discount for the second instrument. Please discuss the option of learning two instruments with Kim Green or Khristian Mizzi in the music department.

Percussion/Drum students are asked to buy sticks, a practice pad and a book

Students may be asked to purchase a music book or display folder to use in lessons. Individual teachers will let students know if this is the case.

Students participating in ensembles but not taking lessons pay an Ensemble Levy of \$100 per year (\$25 payable at the beginning of each term).

## Instruments

Any student-owned instrument **MUST** be clearly labelled with the student's name before being brought to school. Instruments are to be kept in the music store room during school hours (not in lockers or the student manager's office).

## Instruments for Hire

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

The Hire Levy for instruments is \$180 per year (\$45 payable at the beginning of each 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 music 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. Parents will also receive monthly statements.**

<b>Instrumental Music Levy:</b> <b>\$480</b> per year this includes participation in lessons and ensembles <i>(\$120 payable at the beginning of each term)</i> <b>VCE Unit 3 &amp; 4 Students \$150 per term</b>
<b>Instrument Hire Levy:</b> <b>\$ 180</b> per year

OR

<b>Ensemble Only Levy:</b> <b>\$ 100</b> per year participation in ensembles only <i>(\$25 payable at the beginning of each term)</i>
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If you have any further questions regarding the Vermont Secondary College Music Program please contact Kim Green or Khristian Mizzi on 8872 6322 during school hours.

Kim Green  
Instrumental Music & Performance Leader

Khristian Mizzi  
Music Administration

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## NEW ENROLMENT FORM-2018

**THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE WANTING TO APPLY FOR  
2018 MUSIC AND VOCAL TUITION**

Student's Name.....2018 Year Level.....

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

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

**My child would like tuition on the following instrument/s:**

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Current approximate level:       Beginner                       Intermediate                       Advanced

Please provide any extra information if your child has previous experience on this instrument:

**If unable to gain a place learning this instrument, my second choice  
is:**

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

If yes, please fill out the attached Hire Agreement and return it with the enrolment form.

Please note, your child will be placed in an appropriate ensemble.

**Instruments Offered:**

Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Saxophone (Alto & Tenor), Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, Viola, Violin, Cello, Double Bass, Percussion/Drums, Voice, Guitar and Bass Guitar.

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

**2018 INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC CONTRACT**  
This is an agreement between the College, parents and student.

Student's Name .....

Parent/Guardian's Name .....

**Optional Education Items** or (non-essential material and services) are those that are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program, and which are offered to all students. These optional extras are provided on a user-pays basis and if parents and guardians choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay for them. Budgetary constraints should be taken into account prior to accessing these activities as payment is required in advance.

We agree to the following terms and conditions concerning participation in the Vermont Secondary College Instrumental and Vocal Music Program in 2017

- 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 participating in the program.
- The student **MUST** attend all scheduled lessons, ensemble rehearsals and performances. Any absences should be communicated via email or a note to the music department.
- Students may have the opportunity to arrange make-up lessons for any that are missed due to other school activities. This will depend on time and teacher availability.
- 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 or loss of 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*