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INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM ENROLMENT 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have had a highly successful year in the Instrumental Music Program at Vermont Secondary College and we are extremely excited to move forward into 2024. We are now starting to plan for next years' program and to ensure a place next year, we will need this form back and signed for our planning. Please fill out the enrolment form and return it to the school by Monday 5th February 2024.

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

Ensembles

Participation in an ensemble is a compulsory component of the Instrumental Music Program. 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 will be allocated to an ensemble based on their instrument and level of experience.

Ensemble	Day	Time	Description	Level
Rookie Band	Thursday	7:40 - 8:30am	Woodwind, brass & percussion	Beginner
Symphonic Band	Thursday Friday	3:30 – 4:30pm 7:45 – 8:30am	Woodwind, brass, strings & percussion	Intermediate to Advanced
Concert Band	Wednesday	3:30 – 4:30pm	Woodwind, brass & percussion	Intermediate
Guitar Ensemble 1	Monday	3:30 - 4:30pm	Guitar & bass	Junior
Guitar Ensemble 2	Tuesday	1:00 – 1:40pm	Guitar & bass	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
Senior Vocal Group	Monday	Lunchtime	Senior Singers	Advanced
String Orchestra	Thursday	3:15 - 4:30pm	String Players	Intermediate to Advanced
Junior Strings	Wednesday	3:15 – 4:30pm	Violin, viola, cello & double bass	Beginner
Stage Band	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30pm	Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Piano, Guitars, Bass	Advanced
Junior Stage Band	Friday	7:40 – 8:30am	Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Piano, Guitars, Bass	Intermediate

Costs

- Students taking instrumental or singing lessons at the college are required to pay an Instrumental Music Levy, see below)
- Some students choose to learn two instruments within the school program. Please discuss the option of learning two instruments with 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.
- There is a levy for students participating in ensembles but not taking lessons.
- Students enrolled in VCE Music will be required to study an Instrument either within the school program or externally, during the course. VCE music students enrolled in our instrumental program will have a 1:1 lesson each week with their instrumental tutor.

Instrumental Music Levies for 2024

Instrumental Music Levy:	\$550 per year this includes participation in lessons and ensembles
Second Instrument Levy:	\$275
VCE Instrumental Levy:	\$660 per year
Ensemble Only Levy	\$140 per year
Instrument Hire Levy:	\$240 per year

Note: All payments can be made via Compass Events. There is also an option to create a payment plan.

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

As you are aware, a variety of instruments may be hired from the college. (Guitars and drums are not available for hire). *A hire form must be returned before instruments are taken home for the holidays.*

Many students may look at buying 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. Please avoid purchasing instruments from supermarkets.


Parent/Teacher Communication

Teachers are happy to discuss your child's progress. Feel free to contact the specific teacher via email and if needed arrange a time to peak over the phone.

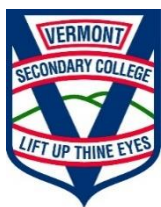
If you have any further questions regarding the Vermont Secondary College Music Program please contact Khristian Mizzi on 8872 6369 during school hours. You can also access a comprehensive handbook available on the school website.



Tony Jacobs
Principal



Khristian Mizzi
Instrumental Music Administration



VERMONT SECONDARY COLLEGE INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM

2024 ENROLMENT FORM-

Student's Name:2024 Year Level

Address:

Postcode Date of Birth Telephone:.....

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

My child would like to continue/start tuition with the VSC Instrumental Music Program on the following instrument/s:

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My child would like to do **Ensemble Only** on the following instrument

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New Enrolments Only

Have you had experience on the instrument Yes No
If Yes, please provide information i.e. no of years, AMEB level etc

Please give a **second choice of instrument** in case there are no available spaces of your choice:

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

Are you studying VCE Music? Yes No

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. If the student is unable to make the rehearsal time, another ensemble will be negotiated.

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

2024 INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC CONTRACT

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

Student's Name

Parent/Guardian's Name.....

Extra Curricula activities are those provided in addition to the standard curriculum program and are offered to all students. These activities are provided on a user-pays basis and if parents and guardians choose to access them for their 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.

We agree to the following terms and conditions concerning participation in the Vermont Secondary College Instrumental and Vocal Music Program in 2024

- 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 costs incurred by students 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 when 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