INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM
ENROLMENT 2025

VERMONT SECONDARY COLLEGE
Integrity, Respect, Excellence

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 2025. We are now starting to plan for next years' program and to ensure a place next year we will need this form completed and returned by Monday 3rd February 2025.

Please note that participation in the program is optional but it 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
Guitar Ensemble 1	Monday	7:45 – 8:30am	Guitar & bass	Junior - Advanced
Senior Vocal Group	Tuesday	7:45 – 8:30M	Senior Singers	Advanced
Guitar Ensemble 2	Wednesday	7:45 – 8:30am	Guitar & bass	Junior - Advanced
Junior Drum Club	Monday	7:45 – 8:30am	Drummers/percussionists	Beginner
Vermont Voices (Choir)	Tuesday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Singers	Beginner to Advanced
Stage Band	Tuesday	3:30 - 4:30pm	Saxophones, Trumpets, Bass Trombones, Piano, Guitars,	Advanced
Junior Stage Band	Friday	7:30 - 8:30am	Saxophones, Trumpets, Bass Trombones, Piano, Guitars,	Beginner to Intermediate
Concert Band	Wednesday	3:30 – 4:30pm	Woodwind, brass & percussion	Intermediate
Drum Club	Wednesday	7:45 – 8:30am	Drummers/Percussionists	Intermediate to Advanced
Jarrah Strings	Wednesday	3:10 – 4:10pm	Violin, viola, cello & double bass	Intermediate
Rookie Band	Thursday	7:40 - 8:30am	Woodwind, brass & percussion	Beginner
Banksia Strings	Wednesday	1:00 – 1:40pm	Strings Players	Beginner
Symphonic Band	Thursday Friday	7:40 - 8:30am 3:30 – 3.30pm	Woodwind, brass, strings & percussion	Intermediate to Advanced
String Orchestra	Thursday	3:15 - 4:30pm	String Players	Intermediate to Advanced
Chamber Orchestra	Friday	1.00 -1.30pm	String Players	Advanced
Celtic Ensemble	Monday	Lunchtime	Flutes, whistles, guitars, fiddles	Intermediate - Advanced

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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.

Instrumental Music Levies for 2025

Instrumental Music Levy (including voice)	$575 per year (or $143.75 per term)
Second Instrument Levy	$285 per year (or $71.25 per term)
VCE Instrumental Levy	$695 per year (or $173.75 per term)
Instrument Hire Levy	$250 per year (or $62.50 per term)
Ensemble Only Fee	$145 per year (or $36.25 per term)

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 storeroom during school hours (not in lockers or the student manager's office).

Lessons

Each student enrolled in our program will receive one instrumental lesson in a small group (1-4 students) for 35 minutes. This will be held during class time and will be reflected each week on their compass schedule. Included in this commitment is the students' enrolment in at least one band/ensemble/choir.

Instruments for Hire

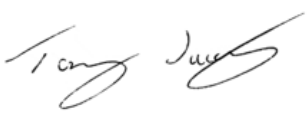
As you are aware, a variety of instruments may be hired from the college. (Guitars and drums are not available for hire). *A hire form must be returned before instruments are taken home for the holidays.*
Many students may look at buying their own instruments, particularly if they wish to learn flute, 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.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Jacobs
Principal

Khristian Mizzi
Instrumental Music Administration

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2025 ENROLMENT FORM-

Student's Name: ..... **2025 Year Level:** .....

Address: .....

Postcode: ..... **Date of Birth**: .....

Mobile Number: .....

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

Our program is designed and funded to run in ensembles. Therefore, it is a priority to run a balanced band program throughout the year. Please select the instrument(s) your student would like to learn.

My child would like to do **Ensemble Only** ❑ Yes ❑ No

New Enrolments Only

Please indicate which instrument(s) your child is interested in learning:

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

Has your student had experience on an instrument ❑ Yes ❑ No

If Yes, please provide information i.e. number of years, AMEB level etc

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Do you wish to hire an instrument? ❑ Yes ❑ No

Please note: Drums and guitars not available for hire)

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

Uniforms

All students enrolled in the Instrumental music program will be required to have the appropriate performance attire. Uniform is :

- Black pants (no jeans or leggings)
- Black shoes (not runners)
- Black collared shirt

Uniform can be purchased from our new school uniform provider Bob Stewart. Their shops are located in Croydon and Mt Waverley and web site is https://www.bobstewart.com.au/schools/

Please note, your child will be placed in an appropriate ensemble. If the student is unable to make the rehearsal time, another ensemble can be negotiated.

Please ensure you complete the Instrumental Music Contract and return it to Khristian Mizzi at MizziK@vermontsc.vic.edu.au or deliver it to the music office

Office Use only

Instrument(s) Offered:
Ensemble (s) Offered:

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Music Support Group

I would like to assist with the weekly lunchtime BBQs during terms 2 & 3 ❑ Yes ❑ No

I would like to assist with various concerts throughout the year ❑ Yes ❑ No

Name: ..... **Mobile number:** .....

Email address: .....

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2025 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 2025.

- 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