



**Montessori International College**

**Instrumental Music Programme  
Handbook**

**2023**

Music at the Montessori International College takes the form of a rich and varied programme both in terms of student participation and content. An integral element of our programme is optional Instrumental Music Lessons available to all students. A student may learn an instrument of his or her choosing individually or in a group. Once a student has attained a degree of proficiency, it is anticipated that he or she will join one of the school's performing ensembles.

We would like to make available lessons on the following instruments\*:

### **Strings**

Violin | Cello | Guitar

### **Keyboard**

Piano | Jazz Piano

### **Vocal**

All voices

### **Contemporary**

Electric Guitar | Electric Bass | Drums | Music Production

\*We may not be able to offer lessons on an instrument if there is limited interest.

### **Number of Lessons**

A minimum of fourteen half-hour lessons will be given by Instrumental Teachers during the course of a semester.

### **Fees**

- Instrumental Music Teachers are remunerated in accordance with the Queensland Music Teachers Association pay schedule.
- Fees will be charged at the beginning of the year.

### **Lessons and Attendance**

- Teachers will issue a full term's lesson timetable at the beginning of each term to enable students to have prior knowledge of their commitment regarding lessons. Generally, fixed lesson times will apply in the Early Years and Primary Years. A rotating timetable will apply in the Senior Years.
- Students who are already enrolled in the Instrumental Music Lesson Program will automatically be re-enrolled at the beginning of the new calendar year unless written

notice of cancellation is received no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December, prior to the commencement of the new year.

- It is the responsibility of both parents and students to consult the lesson timetable and to know when the first lesson is scheduled. It is not the responsibility of teachers to collect students from their classrooms.
- [shannon.green@mic.qld.edu.au](mailto:shannon.green@mic.qld.edu.au) must be contacted prior to the commencement of the school day if a student is to be absent from school for any reason (illness, family reasons etc). If this is not done, the lesson will be charged and not made up.
- Students who wish to change their lesson time because of a clash with excursions or exams, must contact [shannon.green@mic.qld.edu.au](mailto:shannon.green@mic.qld.edu.au). If possible, this contact should be made a week in advance, students not doing so will be charged for the missed lesson.
- Lessons missed through the absence of a teacher will be made up, if this is not possible, no charge will be made on the next fee statement.
- Lessons missed through forgetfulness on the part of the student will be charged and not made up.

### **Punctuality**

Punctuality is important to the successful operation of the Instrumental Music Lesson Programme. Students who are habitually late or frequently miss lessons for frivolous reasons may be removed from the programme.

### **Cancellation**

It should be clearly understood by all parents and students that enrolment for Instrumental Music Lessons is for a minimum of one year unless extenuating circumstances apply. Requests for cancellation of enrolment should be made directly to [shannon.green@mic.qld.edu.au](mailto:shannon.green@mic.qld.edu.au). Notice in writing will then be required four weeks prior to the end of term or semester.

### **Finding your instrument**

If you don't already own an instrument, you may wish to consult with Shannon Green on an appropriate model. An alternative to buying an instrument is to rent, or, hire-purchase. The School Locker at the Maroochydore Homemaker Centre is able to hire instruments to you and offer an option to buy after the rental period. This is an excellent option if you don't wish to commit to buying an instrument you are not yet familiar with.

### **Performance Exams**

Students can enrol in practical grade examinations on the advice of their instrumental teacher. For AMEB examinations, there are two periods during the year when these take place.

### **Performing Ensembles**

This year Senior and Junior School Choirs will be formed, along with Senior and Junior School Rock Bands. Information will be sent out about this early in the new school year.

### **Studio Concerts/Evenings of Music**

At the end of each Semester a concert is held to provide opportunities for students to perform. In these concerts parents and friends are invited to hear student performances in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Parents of students performing will be notified during the semester. A program and further information will be sent out closer to the date.

## **Instrumental Music Lesson Expression of Interest**

Please email [shannon.green@mic.qld.edu.au](mailto:shannon.green@mic.qld.edu.au) or complete this online expression of interest form [EOI Form](#)