

## **Instrumental Music Options**

Instrumental/Vocal Music Tuition is offered to all new students through the College, Years 3 - 12, from visiting specialist teachers. The College aims to give all students an opportunity to learn an instrument from the following:

### **Brass**

Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba, Euphonium

### **Strings**

Violin, Viola, 'Cello, Double Bass

### **Woodwind**

Flute, Clarinet, Alto or Tenor Saxophone, Oboe

### **Percussion**

Orchestral Percussion (College facilities may be used) or Drum Kit

### **Others**

Classical/Jazz/Rock Guitar, Bass, Piano, Voice

When choosing an instrument it is important to consider the opportunities available for participating in a College or Community Ensemble. If students are unsure of their choice, they are advised to talk to a member of the College Music Staff. Lessons will take place during normal school hours on a specified day on a rotating roster thus a student will miss part of a school lesson on that day. Students must be prepared to discipline themselves to practise every day, as this will ensure confident and consistent progress on their instrument. If parents/guardians would like their child to learn an instrument, the required form is to be completed and returned to the Music Office.

### **Instruments**

Students are responsible for providing their own instrument. This may be purchased or hired from a number of music shops, including Cecere's, Allans, Musiccorp, Presto Music and Size Music. The College owns some less common instruments including Bassoon, Oboe, French horn, Euphonium and Tuba. These may be hired by arrangement with the music department. At the Senior Campus there are lockers in the music centre for secure storage of larger instruments. The music office can arrange a locker key.

### **Lessons**

During the school year there will be a minimum of 30 half-hour lessons for Years 3 - 11, and 25 lessons for Year 12, at a cost of \$30 (2017) per lesson. Parents will be billed each term for Tuition. Students who undertake tuition are committed for a whole semester. This provides students with an opportunity to develop skills on their chosen instrument or, if after a semester they feel unsuited to their instrument, they may change. If a student wishes to discontinue instrument lessons before the end of the semester, parents are required to give the instrumental tutor four weeks' notice in writing.

### **Missed Lessons**

If a student knows they are going to miss an instrumental lesson due to a school test, camp or excursion, they should give the tutor one week's notice. If a student is sick and absent from school on the day of a lesson, they should contact the tutor by 8.30am. Most tutors are able to reschedule these lessons to a different day, or catch up at the end of the term. If students miss instrumental lessons without giving due notice, they will be charged for these lessons.