

MUSIC PROGRAM INFORMATION GUIDE

“Music education can help spark a child’s imagination or ignite a lifetime of passion. When you provide a child with new worlds to explore and challenges to tackle, the possibilities are endless.”

Hilary Clinton

Kilbreda College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine Tradition



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OVERVIEW AND FEES

Overview

We would like to welcome you and your child to join, or to continue participating in the Kilbreda Music community in 2024!

Studies demonstrate that learning an instrument benefits a students' education in the areas of:

- language
- numeracy
- coordination
- social development

Learning music also has proven wellbeing benefits including:

- improved self-esteem
- motivation
- discipline
- self-awareness
- confidence
- emotional capacity
- development of identity
- relieves tension
- increases immune systems

Music is a skill that lasts a lifetime, remaining with an individual throughout various seasons. For many people, music often becomes the one consistent element of life that brings wonder and joy.

The Kilbreda Music tutors that provide this service are highly skilled musicians who undergo extensive safety checks and participate in duty of care training. They build strong connections with their students and provide personal mentoring, while also training students in technical development, musicianship, music appreciation and performance.

Participation in our private tuition on an instrument or voice is a gateway to a range of many other co-curricular opportunities. In 2024 our Music Program will be goal orientated and adapted to your daughter's aspirations and interests to offer focus areas of ensemble or solo performance.

Instruments on offer include:

- **Strings:** Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
- **Woodwind:** Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone
- **Brass:** Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba
- Guitar/Bass Guitar
- Voice
- Piano
- Percussion/Drums

Lessons occur during school hours on a rotating timetable. Lessons outside of these times can be requested subject to tutor schedules and availability.

General Music Package Overview (Years 7 to 12)

More detailed information on each package is included below

	Instrument Hire (if required and subject to availability)	20 minute lesson	30 minute lesson
Package 1: Ensemble Immersion (bands, orchestra and/or chorale plus tuition)	\$100 per semester	\$672 per semester	\$912 per semester
Package 2: Solo Performance (suitable for all instruments/voice)	\$100 per semester	\$752 per semester	\$1,008 per semester
Kilbreda Chorale Only	There is no cost for participation in the Kilbreda Chorale only. However, students are required to commit to the rehearsals and performance for the entire school year and comply with dress and behaviour standards.		

Band Academy Package Overview (Year 7 only)

	Band Academy Cost	Instrument Hire (if required and subject to availability)	20 minute lesson	30 minute lesson	40 minute group of 3 lesson
Year 7 Band Academy (Annual Fee)					
Year 7 Band Academy (only available to selected 2024 Year 7 students)	\$400 per year	\$200 per year	-	-	-
Additional Tuition lessons (only available to Year 7 Band Academy students)	-	-	\$544 per semester	\$800 per semester	\$464 per semester (subject to availability) Non-refundable.

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PACKAGES IN DETAIL

Package 1: Ensemble Immersion

(bands, orchestra or chorale with private tuition)

Students who learn an instrument or voice are invited to participate in our Ensemble Immersion stream where they will have individual tuition on their focus instrument/voice, as well as participate in an ensemble. Through these activities students will further their skills as a solo artist as well as ensemble performer in a wide range of musical styles. Students will be allocated to an ensemble by the Learning Leader: Performing Arts - Music in consultation with their tutors according to their instrument, skill level and availability. Students in the Ensemble Immersion program will also have priority access to excursions and workshops and will form a major feature of our concerts and performance opportunities. Students who progress to a high level of skill, technique and music reading ability, may be invited to join the bi-annual production band.

Students who learn an instrument or voice, may also participate in the Kilbreda Chorale as their ensemble. Choirs are particularly valuable for students learning voice, guitar and piano. More information regarding this group is provided below.

Rehearsal times (subject to change)

Beginner Strings: Tuesdays - 7.45am to 8.30am

Kilbreda Orchestra: Tuesdays - 7.30am to 8.30am

Senior String Ensemble: Thursdays - 7.30am to 8.30am

Concert Band: Thursdays - 7.30am to 8.30am

Kilbreda Chorale: Fridays - 8.00am to 8.55am

Guitar, Pop/Rock, Jazz, Wind and Chamber Ensembles:
Lunchtimes

Attendance requirements: compulsory attendance at all weekly rehearsals and all performances, and written notification of absence to the ensemble directors required. Full attendance at all rehearsals is compulsory otherwise students will be transferred to Package 2 Solo Performance.

Package 2: Solo Performance

(suitable for all instruments/voice)

Students who would like to focus on solo performance for academic endeavour or for personal enjoyment, may opt for individual lessons only, on their instrument or voice. Students in this stream are not required to participate in ensembles or choirs. This option is particularly suitable for those wishing to focus on voice, piano or guitar performance and all instruments or vocalists seeking to refine their skills or support senior classroom music subjects including VCE.

This package includes weekly lessons with a music tutor, an annual yearly solo recital performance, and opportunity to participate in externally assessed AMEB exams.

Kilbreda Chorale

Kilbreda Chorale is open to all students who can give their full commitment to rehearsals, performances and the Catholic ethos of the school. Students are required to attend all rehearsals and to dedicate practice at home to developing technique and memorising lyrics. Kilbreda Chorale members must demonstrate school leadership, especially in the wearing of the school uniform and public conduct. Students must demonstrate commitment to attendance at events during and outside of school hours, personal organisation in managing other academic responsibilities, and communicating with the conductor.

Through chorale participation, students will learn vocal techniques, explore a variety of repertoire from traditional catholic hymns, musical theatre and pop music. Kilbreda Chorale members lead school liturgy and eucharist services and perform at local community events.

Year 7 Band Academy

(only available to selected 2024 Year 7 students)

The Band Academy is an exciting new offering whereby students are given the opportunity to learn a brass or woodwind instrument as a part of a large group. Expert staff will lead each session in a combination of small and large group rehearsals, where students learn to play as a band as soon as they can make a sound! The course covers the basics of being a part of an ensemble, following direction from a conductor, breath work, reading notation and working as a team. Through this program students will also foster friendships and social connections which can enhance their experience as they begin their journey as a Kilbreda girl!

Length: 1 year (full year participation required)

Application requirements: submission of application form with references.

Students may arrange own instrument, however please contact our tutors prior to any purchases regarding products and advice.

Band Academy Sessions: Tuesday mornings - 7.45 to 8.40am

Attendance requirements: compulsory attendance at each Band Academy session to ensure students progress at the required level. Minimum commitment to this program is the full 2024 school year.

Students may also add in private or group lessons to supplement their learning and skill development. Please see below information.

Additional Tuition Lessons

(only available to Year 7 Band Academy members)

In addition to the Year 7 Band Program, students can elect to also have weekly tuition on their wind or brass instrument, individually or in small groups. This is the ultimate way for students to develop their skills quickly and remain engaged in the Music program. Please note that group lessons are subject to availability.



My child _____ would like to apply to be a part of the Year 7 Band Academy in 2024 at a cost of \$400 per year for group tuition, and \$200 per year for instrument hire (if required).

Please outline the reasons for why you would like to apply for this opportunity

Please outline the student's and family's prior music experience (if applicable) or participation in and commitment to extracurricular activities (including sport and/or other hobbies).

Parents/guardians: please outline how you will support your student in this program.

If our application is successful, we commit to weekly attendance at rehearsals and performances, and regular practice at home.

Yes No

Do you require instrument hire?

Yes No

Please write your instrument choices, in order of preference.

Please note that instrument preferences are subject to availability and students may be offered alternate options to gain a place in the program.

Smaller instruments: flute, clarinet, trumpet

Medium instruments: trombone, saxophone, euphonium, horn

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My child would like to participate in individual or group tuition on their instrument alongside the Band Academy to enhance their skill development. (Please see accompanying information regarding fees and Terms and Conditions.)

Not Required

Individual tuition – 20 minute lesson

Group tuition – Group 40 minute lesson
(subject to availability, annual upfront fee payable)

Individual tuition – 30 minute lesson

Parent/Carer Name:

Parent/Carer Signature:

Date:



We welcome all who are committed to these expectations to be a part of our Kilbreda Chorale.

Conduct:

1. Supportive of the Catholic ethos, including participation at masses
2. Attendance at all rehearsals and performances
3. Wear uniform to a high standard including polished shoes, blazer, hair tied back, jewellery and make up according to school policy
4. Show kindness and encouragement to other members of the Chorale
5. I will also display positive behaviour and leadership qualities.
6. Be committed to the Chorale for the entire school year

Availability:

Students must be available for **all** rehearsals and performances:

- I agree to attend all rehearsals and performances
- I will give appropriate notice of absence

Student Name:

Parent/Carer Name:

Parent/Carer Signature:

Date:

Please return this form to Main Reception, or email to PerformingArts@kilbreda.vic.edu.au



Please be aware of the following conditions of learning an instrument at the College.

1. Students will receive 16 lessons per semester. Each student will be invoiced at the beginning of the school year for both semesters. Year 7 Band Academy is an annual charge. The charges will be added on to the general tuition fee accounts. Families can choose to include this amount in the periodic payments for school fees, otherwise payment should be made within 4 weeks of receiving the invoice. Where payments are not received by the end of this time, lessons may not continue. Please be aware the instrumental charges are non-refundable. In undertaking instrumental lessons, the student is obliged to continue those lessons throughout the semester. Unless written notification is given to state otherwise, it is assumed the student will continue with her lessons the next semester.
2. If students undergo an AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) examination, complete VCE Music, or if they require a piano accompanist for examinations and rehearsals in preparation for the same, the costs may be invoiced separately. If there is a problem with payments being made, please contact Sister Lia Commadeur – Fees Officer.
3. Available for all students - Shorter Individual lessons of 20 minutes and Standard Individual lessons of 30 minutes.
4. Group Lessons - Group Lessons are only available to Year 7 Band Academy students on brass and woodwind instruments and for one school calendar year only. Group lessons are subject to availability and approval by the tutors and Learning Leader: Performing Arts - Music. Group lesson times can't be changed or made up due to student absence or unavailability. If a student wishes to cease group lessons, the remainder of the tuition fee will not be refunded.
5. If a student wishes to discontinue individual lessons, a term's (10 weeks) notice must be given in writing by the parent. The student may then cease undertaking lessons at the end of the relevant term. Any applicable instrument hire fees for the remainder of the semester will then be forfeited.
6. Attendance is expected at all lessons. If a student is going to be absent from their lesson due to unexpected illness or circumstances, the tutor must be notified directly or via PAM by 8.00am on the day of the lesson.
7. If a student is unable to attend their lesson due to reasons such as exams, excursions or medical appointments, notification to the tutor 24 hours prior is required, otherwise the lesson fee will be forfeited. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instrumental teacher of any school activity taking place which precludes them from being able to attend their lesson.
8. All students are responsible for checking their lesson times with their instrumental teachers. If a student is not sure of their lesson time, they must speak to the instrumental teacher, or if not successful Learning Leader: Performing Arts - Music or Performing Arts Assistant.
9. Each student should bring their instrument, music, a note book and student planner to each lesson. If a student forgets to bring their instrument and music to school, they are still required to attend their lesson.
10. If a student is unable to play their instrument or voice due to physical impairment, they are still expected to attend their lesson and participate in other skill development such as theory, musicianship and aural.
11. The College has a number of instruments for hire. These must be returned at the end of the year or if discontinuing lessons. The hire cost is \$100 per semester. Please indicate on the application form if you wish to hire an instrument (percussion instruments and keyboards are not available to be hired through the College.)
12. If parents wish to purchase an instrument for their child, it is highly recommended that they contact their tutor for advice on products and brands prior to any purchase. No responsibility for less than optimal instrument purchases will be the responsibility of the College or Tutors.

All music accessories and books required for the students' tuition are at the expense of the parents/carers.

Music accessories may be purchased from:

- **Pat's Music Corner**
Warrigal Rd and Centre Rd, Oakleigh South
Phone: 9563 8711
www.patsmusic.com.au
- **Music Junction**
204 Camberwell Road, Hawthorn East, VIC 3123
www.musicjunction.com.au
- **Ozwinds / Ozstrings**
55 Cochranes Rd Moorabbin, VIC
Phone: 9578 3677
www.ozwinds.com.au
www.ozstrings.com.au
- **The Music Place**
339 Clarendon Street South Melbourne Victoria 3205
Phone: 9699 9099
www.musicplace.com.au

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