

# Catholic College Sale

## Music Program

Catholic College Sale strives to create an innovative and exciting music program which covers a range of music styles. We understand that music offers a balanced learning program and increases academic achievement across a wide range of subjects, as well as providing a high level of social interaction and a sense of community among students. Our music program caters to students of all abilities and experience through instrumental lessons, the College ensembles, the junior rock band program and VCE/VET music.

### **INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS**

Instrumental lessons are provided to students on the following instruments:

STRING INSTRUMENTS	Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
CONCERT BAND INSTRUMENTS	Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone (Alto, Tenor, Baritone), Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Euphonium, French Horn
OTHERS	Piano/Keyboard, Voice, Drum Kit/Percussion, Guitar/Bass Guitar

Lessons can be offered as individual or group lessons, with no more than three students per group.

### **ENSEMBLES**

Students are required to enroll in at least one ensemble when undertaking instrumental lessons. These ensembles are open to all students; however, they are compulsory for those students undertaking lessons at the College.

Students are offered the following ensembles:

- Sion Singers
- Concert Band
- Male Vocals Crew
- Strings
- Guitar Ensemble

Specialist ensembles are created where appropriate such as String Quartet, Show Choir and Woodwind Ensemble. Ensemble participation is a vital component of music education as it encourages students in completing a regular practice routine as well as putting into context the concepts covered during instrumental lessons. These ensembles are generally rehearsed during lunchtime; however, students need to be aware that some ensembles will rehearse before or after school.

### **ROCK BAND PROGRAM**

The Rock Band Program is open primarily to Years 7 and 8 students who are interested in learning a rock band instrument. It is desirable that students have previous experience on these instruments or are currently undertaking instrumental lessons on their chosen instrument. The Rock Band Program is designed to lead as a pathway into the VCE/VET music course and therefore concentrates on performance skills and etiquette, instrument technique, rehearsal skills and group communication. Students involved in this program complete a concert performance at the end of each semester and are involved in a number of other performances throughout the year. The Rock Band Program is open to 20 Year 7 and 8 students who will be auditioned in the first two weeks of each semester. Places will be offered to other Year Levels if there is sufficient interest.

### **MUSIC EXAMINATIONS**

Catholic College Sale offers participation in AMEB music examinations each year where students are offered the opportunity to complete an exam on their instrument. These are a fantastic opportunity for students to be recognized for their achievement on their instrument. AMEB exams incur a separate

fee which will be added to termly invoices. Instrumental teachers will distribute further information and permission forms during lessons.

AMEB exams for Strings, Brass and Woodwind students require an accompanist for the examination. The College can provide an accompanist; however, the cost for exam accompaniment will be paid by students directly to the accompanist.

### **COSTS INVOLVED**

Students who undergo lessons are committed for the semester and asked to adhere to the lessons guidelines, which outline the requirement for DAILY practice and weekly ensemble attendance. Any student not fulfilling the practice or attendance requirements for lessons may not be given the opportunity to continue in the following semester.

Individual lessons are priced at \$24.00 per week, while group lessons (where available) are \$12.00. Participating in the Rock Band Program will incur a \$12.00 fee each week. Fees will not be charged for instances where students are on holidays or excursions that the school has been notified of; however, WILL be charged if the student does not attend a scheduled lesson. Any student who cannot attend a lesson due to tests, exams or off campus sport activities is required to let the teacher know in advance so their lesson time can be swapped with another student where possible.

Additional costs may include Eisteddfod entries, accompaniment fees for Eisteddfods, books, accessories (reeds, strings, straps etc). Students will be provided with an accompanist at no extra cost for school concerts.

### **HIRE PURCHASE PLAN**

Catholic College Sale offers a Hire/Purchase plan for some instruments. The Hire Purchase Plan enables students to pay the termly hire fee towards the total cost of their instrument. The following prices are set out below; however, may be subject to change dependent on actual instrument prices.

Instrument	Per Term Hire Fee	Additional Payout	Total Cost	Time
Violin	\$75	\$100	\$700	2 years
Viola	\$85	\$120	\$800	2 years
Cello	\$100	\$100	\$900	2 years
Double Bass	\$100	\$200	\$1800	4 years
Flute	\$90	\$0	\$720	2 years
Clarinet	\$90	\$0	\$720	2 years
Alto Saxophone	\$100	\$0	\$1600	4 years
Tenor Saxophone	\$100	\$200	\$1800	4 years
Trumpet	\$100	\$180	\$980	2 years
Trombone	\$100	\$0	\$1600	4 years
French Horn	\$150	\$1400	\$3800	4 years
Euphonium	\$150	\$1100	\$3500	4 years

Students may complete a Hire/Purchase Plan in a shorter time than specified, with a larger additional payout (encouraged for students taking up instruments in the senior years).

Other instruments may be available on Hire/Purchase but will need to be discussed with the Head of Music, Ms Roffe.

Students participating in music lesson are committed for a semester.

Any student wishing to withdraw from the instrumental program needs to complete a "Cessation of Lessons" form which can be found at the College Office. For further information, please contact Ms Roffe on 5143 9700.