

2023 Music Tuition at Korowa

Mission Statement

“Music expresses feeling and thought, without language; it was below and before speech, and it is above and beyond all words.”
– Robert G. Ingersoll

Korowa is proud of its long history in support of music education for our students. We pride ourselves on the sequential nature of our classroom programs, which aim to inspire and give all students a general understanding of all of the Elements of Music through practical music making. The sustained learning of a musical instrument is recognised as the best way to achieve the long-term cognitive benefits associated with learning music.

Specialist Tuition

The Korowa Music Department offers tuition with specialist instrumental staff on instruments such as:

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Bassoon
- Saxophone family
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Euphonium
- Trombone
- Tuba
- Piano*
- Guitar (Acoustic/
Electric)*
- Electric Bass*
- Percussion*
- Drum kit*
- Theory of Music
- Voice (from Year
5) – Classical,
Contemporary or
Musical Theatre

*Not available for hire.

Performance Skill Development

Korowa has a sequential program of vocal and instrumental ensembles that cater to every musical taste and level of ability.

Students who learn an instrument or voice **must** belong to at least one school ensemble for the whole year.

This will include voice and/or piano students' participation in school choirs or the Gamelan Ensemble. Smaller ensembles are considered to be an extension of larger groups, and as such, participation in the core ensemble is a condition of participation in the chamber program.

Involvement in ensembles contributes to the presentation of Music Colours and Awards and is an important part of VCE Music Performance Assessment.

Please forward any queries about ensembles to the Director of Music, Jenny Mathers.

Shared Lessons

Shared lessons are particularly suitable for beginners and are only applicable where students are at the same level and age.

The Music Department will make every effort to meet requests for shared tuition, but in the few cases where such requests cannot be met, consultation will be made with the parent/guardian to make other arrangements.

Please note that a teacher may advise against shared lessons if they feel that it is not conducive to the effective learning and development of a particular student.

AMEB Examinations

Korowa is able to enrol students for available AMEB practical examination sessions. Online theory examinations are available at any time throughout the year. Each tutor is able to assist with the enrolment process.



Scheduling of Lessons

Instrumental lessons normally commence on or before the second full week of Term 1. All students from Prep to Year 10 have lessons on a fully rotational basis according to the number of periods that the teacher is available. Only students who are in Years 11 and 12 will be able to request fixed lessons in available periods or before or after school.

Students are required to attend scheduled lessons punctually with music, instrument (if applicable) and Music Record Book. If a student is late, the teacher is not required to make up lost lesson time.

The Music Record Book (or electronic equivalent) will note the times of both the commencement and conclusion of each lesson. Students are responsible for obtaining the teacher's signature in their Music Record Book at the conclusion of the lesson.

Students should confirm the date and time of their next lesson at the conclusion of each lesson. Students up to Year 7 who may forget to come to their instrumental lesson are fetched by the teacher, but this will mean that the student will have a shorter lesson. In order to minimise disruption to classes, instrumental teachers will not collect Year 10 to Year 12 students if they do not arrive punctually for lessons.

The Music School notifies parents if a lesson is missed without prior notice. Teachers are not expected to reschedule a lesson if a student misses a lesson due to forgetfulness or illness, without 24 hours' notice.

If lessons are continued in this way and the annual quota of lessons is achieved before the end of the year, parents will be notified.

If parents wish their daughter to have lessons beyond the annual quota, a private payment arrangement with the instrumental teacher may be made.

Missed Lessons

Students must be alert to the scheduling of tests or excursions and their instrumental lessons.

Students must notify the instrumental teacher of the clash at least one week prior to change a lesson because of an excursion or class test. Where such clashes cannot be avoided, instrumental staff will be required to make up no more than two such lessons per student per year.

Please inform the Music School Administrator on 8808 8847 (by 8.15am if possible) of illness which will result in absence from lessons.

Families are reminded that a normal school year contains 40 weeks. Therefore, weeks for catching up missed lessons are already available within the calendar.

Note: Instrumental teachers are under no obligation to make up lessons missed due to illness or forgetfulness of the student. Please note that lessons lost due to VOLUNTARY absence (e.g. family commitments, overseas travel etc) cannot be recovered if sufficient notice has not been received (minimum 4 lessons in advance).

Lesson Totals

Prep - Year 8	32 lessons per year
Year 9	28 lessons per year (to accommodate Year 9 Trek and Urban Challenge)
Year 10 & 11	30 lessons per year
Year 12	24 lessons (three terms). Students must advise the Music Administrator if they intend to continue lessons in Term 4.

The Tuition Fee covers a block of eight lessons per term. Where a shortfall occurs, the missed lesson(s) are carried forward to the following term.

The number of lessons per term is allocated to allow for interruptions that can occur to lessons due to public holidays, school excursions, planned tests or illness.

Where students reach the term quota of lessons before the end of term, teachers will continue teaching, which will reduce the next term's quota.





Discontinuation of Lessons

If a student wishes to discontinue lessons, written notification must be sent to the Director of Music giving at least 4 lessons' notice. The school holiday period does not constitute part of the notice period. Verbal or written cancellation to teachers will not suffice. It is important that the Music Administrator receives notice of cancellation in writing. For end of year discontinuations, written notice of discontinuation must be received by 30 November.

Students who are already learning an instrument or voice in the School and wish to continue that instrument or voice with the same teacher in the following year are not required to complete an enrolment form in the following year. A new enrolment form should, however, be completed for an additional enrolment, change of instrument, or change of teacher.

Hiring Instruments

Korowa offers beginner students the choice of hiring a school-owned instrument. Students are encouraged to purchase an instrument after a year of tuition where practical. Larger, more expensive school instruments are often made available for hire for longer periods when required.

Private instruments are to be insured by the owner. The School is unable to accept any responsibility for loss or damage either in transit or on school premises.

Please keep a record of the instrument's model and serial number.

All instruments, whether privately owned or hired, must be clearly labelled with the name of the student and a contact phone number.

Storage of Instruments

Students are discouraged from leaving their instruments in lockers or unattended in bags and classrooms.

Two store rooms are available for day storage of instruments.

Note that these rooms are only accessible after 7.30am and before 4.30pm.

Students are reminded to leave their instruments neatly in the storage rooms.

Bursaries

A bursary may be offered to a student to support the development of skill on an instrument deemed to be particularly desirable in the music program.

Bursaries are not scholarships and students do not apply for them, although they may be encouraged to inquire about the range of instruments available.

2023 Music Tuition Fees

Accounts will be issued at the commencement of each term and payment should be made to Korowa AGS at this time. Term fees cover a block of 8 lessons (see Lesson Totals). Any enquiries relating to music fees should be directed to the Music Administrator.

The Korowa Music Department can order music books and other accessories as directed by the teacher. A form is sent home with students, then the agreement to purchase is made directly with the supplier. Conveniently, the orders are delivered to school for distribution to students.

Accompaniment fees are billed and administered by the Music Department. Please note, billing for any additional rehearsal time becomes the responsibility of the parent.

The Music Tuition Application form and Hire of Instrument Application form are located with this booklet.

Instrumental/Singing

Individual Lessons

30 minutes	\$450 per term
40 minutes	\$593 per term
50 minutes	\$726 per term

Shared Lessons

40 minutes	\$414 per term
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Theory & Music Craft

Individual Lessons

30 minutes	\$450 per term
40 minutes	\$593 per term

Shared Lessons Grades 1 - 3

30 minutes (2 students)	\$295 per term
30 minutes (3 students)	\$202 per term

Shared Lessons Grades 4 - 5

40 minutes (2 students)	\$409 per term
40 minutes (3 students)	\$271 per term

Term 4 Alterations to Lesson Fees

Year 12 – no charge, no lessons (VCE Music students extra lessons by negotiation).

Years 10 and 11 – charged 6 lessons due to exams.

Year 9 – charged 4 lessons due to Trek or Urban Challenge.

Accompaniment Fees for Exams 2023

Grades Preliminary - Grade 2 2 x 20 minute rehearsals & examination	\$109
Grades 3 - 5 2 x 40 minute rehearsals & examination	\$195
Grades 6 - 8 2 x 60 minute rehearsals & examination	\$258

Instrument Hire Fees 2023

1st Year Hire	\$96 per term
2nd Year Hire	\$119 per term
3rd Year Hire	\$135 per term
4th Year Hire	As arranged with Director of Music

2023 Hire of Instrument (Prep - Year 12)

Director of Music, Mrs Jenny Mathers
Music School contact: smorgan@korowa.vic.edu.au, 03 8808 8847

Name of Instrument:	
Fees:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$96 Per Term 1st Year Hire <input type="checkbox"/> \$119 Per Term 2nd Year Hire <input type="checkbox"/> \$135 Per Term 3rd Year Hire <input type="checkbox"/> Fees as advised 4th Year Hire* <p>* Students who wish to hire an instrument for more than 3 years must consult the Director of Music. Ongoing hiring fees are considered on a case by case basis.</p>
Conditions:	<p>In case of loss or severe damage to the instrument I understand that the purchase of a replacement instrument will be at the expense of the hirer. The cost of repairs as a result of negligence will also be the responsibility of the hirer. Damage through fair wear and tear is excepted.</p> <p>I accept full responsibility for the proper care of the instrument hired from Korowa Anglican Girls' School for my child's use. Broken strings, replacement reeds and other consumable items will be the responsibility of the hirer and are available for purchase from the Music Office. The instrument must be returned to the Music Administrator at the end of the hire period.</p> <p>I understand the above hire fees will be added to my account each term, and agree to the conditions outlined above.</p>
Student Name:	Year Level (2023):
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

2023 Music Tuition

(Prep - Year 12)

Director of Music, Mrs Jenny Mathers
Music School contact: smorgan@korowa.vic.edu.au, 03 8808 8847

Lesson Times:	Lessons are scheduled on a rotational basis throughout the School day.
Venue:	Margaret McPherson Music Centre
Conditions:	<p>Tuition is offered on the following instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Electric Bass, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Piano, Voice (from Year 5), Percussion, Drumkit, Guitar and Theory of Music. Please complete the Enrolment Form for new enrolments or change of teacher only. Re-enrolment is automatic each year for students already learning an instrument or voice in the School.</p> <p>Students who learn an instrument or voice in the School must belong to at least one large School ensemble.</p> <p>School instruments are available for hire. Private instruments are to be insured by the owner. The School will not accept responsibility for loss or damage either in transit or on school premises. Store rooms are available for day storage of instruments.</p>
Fees	<p>The tuition fee is billed at the beginning of each term and funds a block of 8 lessons.</p> <p>Individual lessons:</p> <p>30 minutes - \$450 per term 40 minutes - \$593 per term 50 minutes - \$726 per term</p> <p>Shared lessons:</p> <p>40 minutes (2 students) - \$414 per term</p> <p>Notice of discontinuance must be in writing to the Director of Music giving 4 lessons' advance notice and signed by a Parent/Guardian. If notice is not received fees will continue to be charged.</p>



2023 Music Tuition Enrolment Form

Please complete a separate Enrolment Form for each Instrumental/Theory Lesson studied and return to the Music School or email smorgan@korowa.vic.edu.au

Student's Name: _____ Year Level (2023): _____

Parent/Guardian Name & Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Home Tel. No.: _____ Parent/Guardian Mobile Phone No.: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Name of Instrument: _____ Theory: Voice:

Ensemble/s: _____

Beginner: Yes No AMEB Equivalent:

Individual (30 Mins.) Individual (40 Mins.) Individual (50 Mins.)

Shared (40 Mins.) Name of Partner: _____

Current Teacher: _____ Preferred Teacher 2023 (if known): _____

Please enrol my child for instrumental/voice/theory lessons as indicated above. I have read the information above relating to tuition fees, ensemble participation, discontinuation requirements, rotation of lesson, instrument storage and insurance, and agree to the conditions outlined. I agree that 4 lessons' notice in advance will be given in writing for discontinuance of lessons.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____