



Rockhampton Girls
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INSTRUMENTAL HANDBOOK



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CLASSROOM MUSIC

Rockhampton Girls Grammar School provides students with a comprehensive and extensive music program. An understanding, appreciation and love of music is something students can take with them through their lives, and we aim to build students' confidence and self-esteem through music opportunities.

Every student at Girls Grammar in Prep to Year 7 participates in a Classroom Music Program. Music is an elective subject in Years 8 to Year 12, with Extension Music offered in Senior Years.

GIRLS GRAMMAR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The School has a well-established music program including choirs, chamber groups, string ensemble and concert band. Students can be involved in these various ensembles as well as having the opportunity to participate in private tuition with experienced and motivated studio teachers.

TUITION ELIGIBILITY

A student participating in private tuition requires no previous musical experience. Once undertaking lessons each student is encouraged to involve themselves in at least one of the applicable music ensembles/events available to them. Private instrumental and/or vocal tuition is available for students from Prep to Year 12 and new student enrolment into the program will occur at the commencement of each semester.

LESSON TIMES

Tuition is conducted during class time and consists of one 50-minute lesson or one 25 minute lesson per week (15 per semester). Secondary students will be allocated a rotating time slot, to avoid missing the same class, while Year 11 and 12 students will be placed in their independent study sessions wherever possible. Primary students will be given a permanent time slot negotiated with their class teacher. Students need to be punctual to maximise the value of their booked lesson time.

The 50-minute sessions may, in negotiation with the instrumental teacher, be delivered as 2 x 25-minute sessions.

INSTRUMENTS

Currently the Instrumental program covers tuition on the following instruments.

Please note that the instruments marked with * are only available from Year 2 onwards and the instruments marked with ** are only available from Year 4 onwards.

- Piano
- Voice
- Violin
- Viola
- Cello *
- Double Bass *
- Ukulele
- Guitar
- Bass Guitar **
- Flute **
- Clarinet **
- Bass Clarinet **
- Saxophone (Alto, Tenor) **
- Trumpet/ Cornet **
- Tuba **
- Euphonium **
- Trombone **
- Recorder
- Drumkit *
- Auxiliary percussion (snare, bass drum, triangle, cymbals, chimes etc.) and tuned percussion (xylophone, glockenspiel, timpani)



TUITION FEES AND CONDITIONS

- Application for instrumental lessons are completed via submission of enrolment forms; once the enrolment form is received an event invitation will be sent for acceptance and payment will occur through the term billing process. The tuition fee is based on 15 lessons per semester or 30 lessons per calendar year.

Due to the end of year commitments of the year 12 students, during Semester 2, students will receive 8 lessons. This fee structure is available for year 12 students only.

For current year fees please see ***RGGS-497-FRM-INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM ENROLMENT FORM***

The Semester 1 Instrumental Music Program form and payment through Parent Lounge must be received no later than Friday **31 January 2025**. The Semester 2 Instrumental Music Program form and payment must be received through Parent Lounge no later than **Friday 6 June 2025**.

Girls Grammar is pleased to offer the use of school instruments to students who sign up for instrumental lessons. Please be aware that availability is dependent upon demand. There is a non-refundable loan fee of \$80 per Semester or part thereof and parents will be required to complete the ***RGGS-490-FRM-INSTRUMENT LENDING AGREEMENT*** before the student takes the instrument.

If you plan to purchase an instrument, consultation with the instrumental teacher on quality of brand is advised. The Girls Grammar Music Department can recommend suppliers. Students who are learning an instrument are expected to purchase or hire an instrument at the commencement of their lessons.

It is expected that each student will purchase the necessary equipment and resources for their lessons (e.g. music, reeds and drumsticks). Private teachers will not photocopy music for their students. Instrumental and vocal students may elect to complete examinations and/or eisteddfod performances, which will incur additional costs.

SUPPORT OF PARENTS

The music department requests full parental support for the practise schedule as determined by the tutor.

Students require an instrument to practise, and it is expected that one is purchased or hired when each student commences lessons. The Girls Grammar Instrumental Coordinator can supply the details of recommended suppliers.

There may be some additional expenses throughout the term. These expenses include music books, eisteddfod entries, exam fees, accompanying fees etc. Parents will be notified of the requirements and applicable amounts.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Students who have participated in instrumental or vocal lessons for an entire semester will receive a semester report for each instrument.

2024 ENSEMBLE GROUPS

In 2024 the following ensemble groups will be offered:

- Multi Voce (Years 7-12)
- String Ensemble (currently Years 3-12)
- Concert Band (Years 4-12)
- Bella Voce (Years 7-12)



Please refer to the Co-Curricular Calendar for specific details of each ensemble.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

Students making a commitment to private tuition should sustain their commitment for at least one semester to allow a full opportunity to assess the appropriateness of the instrument. Students involved in the program are expected to undertake regular and consistent practise to ensure full benefit of the tuition offered.

All students learning an instrument at Girls Grammar have access to practice rooms at lunchtimes and outside school hours (subject to teacher supervision). Students are expected to demonstrate care and respect for the facilities provided.

Participation in ensemble rehearsals and available performances is encouraged.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Parents and students are encouraged to contact the Music Centre for information in relation to the Program.

Contact our team at TheArts@rggs.qld.edu.au



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Instrumental music tuition must be paid on application through Parent Lounge, regardless of whether registration is for a semester's or year's tuition. Forms should be handed to the music department or Reception, and once received, instructions will be given on how to accept and make payment through Parent Lounge. Please note that tuition will not be provided until payment has been received.
2. The Semester 1 Instrumental Music Program form and payment through Parent Lounge must be received no later than **Friday 31 January 2025**. Semester 2 Instrumental Music Program form and payment must be received through Parent Lounge no later than **Friday 6 June 2025**
3. Lessons are 25 or 50 minutes in duration (50 minute sign ups can be divided into a twice weekly 25 minute lesson negotiated with the teacher).
4. At least one week's written notice is required for a student to withdraw from the program.
5. Absences from lessons must be notified in advance (as early as possible prior to lesson).
 - a. If a student is ill or cannot attend their lesson, please email the Music Department before 8.00am the morning of the lesson so the teacher can be advised (emails can be sent directly to the instrumental teacher or to TheArts@rggs.qld.edu.au).
 - b. Sessional teachers may reschedule a missed lesson when advance notice of student absence is received if they have available lesson slots.
 - c. If a student misses a lesson and does not attend a rescheduled make-up lesson, that lesson is forfeited.
 - d. Teachers will not make up lessons missed due to a student choosing not to attend, forgetfulness or punctuality.
6. Entry into examinations and competitions should only be made with the instrumental teacher's recommendation. It is important the student is ready and prepared for the examination/performance process, so it can be a positive experience for them.

APPENDIX A – INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM ENROLMENT FORM

- [RGGS-497-FRM-INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM ENROLMENT FORM](#)
- Internal School use only
- **Access Location** - *All RGGS Staff - Policies Procedures and Forms\LEARNING AND TEACHING DOCUMENTS\FORMS*



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