



WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL

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INSTRUMENTAL, VOCAL AND PIANO PRIVATE LESSONS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We will continue to offer band students the option of private instrumental lessons in 2024. These individual lessons are held in addition to the sectionals which all band members attend. It is our experience that students excel and learn far more quickly when they are receiving individual instruction from very experienced instrumental practitioners and teachers.

We are endeavouring to keep the cost to a minimum and one way we can do that is to have the tutors come to the school and teach multiple students on the one day. Our tutors have also kindly agreed to teach a reduced hourly rate because they do not have to travel. If you do some research about tutoring costs you will find that our lessons are cheaper than looking for them outside of school hours at local music schools in the Blue Mountains and Penrith areas. We can also guarantee the quality of the tutor teaching your child. Our tutors are all currently working as professional musicians in the industry and are the leading technicians on their instruments in the country.

Tutors are paid as part of the Department of Education's payroll system, and as a result, we are required to contribute 18.18% on-costs as part of their salary. On-costs include contributions to their superannuation and also payroll tax.

Lessons (30-minute duration) will be on a rotating timetable so students will only miss the same class once a term minimising disruption to regular timetabled lessons. The lessons will be in addition to the large group format currently being run in the mornings. Band rehearsals will remain the same. The amount of time taken out of class, a 30-minute tutoring session once a week for 10 weeks, is the equivalent of one day out of school for a sporting event. Eg. Knockout football or basketball.

All students in the Band Program will be required to pay the \$460 annual band fee or the \$360 guitar ensemble fee to be part of the program. An additional cost will be needed to take part in the private tuition. Please see the fees structure below for more details.

BAND FEES 2024 (all students)	\$460 Per Year	\$115 per term	
Individual Private Lesson (1 on 1) in addition to band fee	\$1634 Per year	Term 1 \$387 Term 2 \$430 Term 3 \$430 Term 4 \$387	\$ 43 per week / per lesson Lessons start in Week 3 of Term 1 and finish in Week 9 of Term 4
Group of 2 lessons (2 on 1) in addition to band fee	\$817 Per Year	Term 1 \$193.50 Term 2 \$215 Term 3 \$215 Term 4 \$193.50	\$21.50 per week / per lesson Lessons start in Week 3 of Term 1 and finish in Week 9 of Term 4

For example: for a student who wishes to have a shared lesson with another student the yearly fee will be \$460 (band fee) + \$817 (lesson Fee) = \$1277

If you would like to pay in term instalments this is an acceptable way to help make the program a little more affordable and easy to manage. All term fees must be paid in advance for your child to begin lessons.

The additional private lesson program is NOT mandated. It is a family / individual decision. However, we strongly encourage you to consider individual music lessons for your child. They will develop into a versatile musician quickly and will enjoy their music making more with specific attention given to their individual needs.

Please fill out the form attached and return it as soon as possible to Mr McGown via email on craig.mcgown@det.nsw.edu.au or you can drop your completed form into the front office during school hours.

We hope to start lessons in Week 3 of Term 1.

C McGown
Head Teacher CAPA

V. Facas
Principal



PRIVATE / INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS 2024

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY NO LATER THAN MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY

Name: _____ **Year:** _____

Instrument: _____ **Band: (Please circle)** Junior Band / Senior Band

I wish to take part in the **individual music lessons** (1 on 1 lesson). I understand this has a \$1634 fee in addition to my regular band fees of \$460.

- 1. I wish to pay this in full. (Total \$2094) -
- 2. I wish to pay this off by the term (See attached note)

I wish to take part in the **Group of 2** music lessons (2 on 1 lesson). I understand this has a \$817 fee in addition to my regular band fees of \$460.

- 1. I wish to pay this in full. (Total \$1277) -
- 2. I wish to pay this off by the term (See attached note)

Payments can be made online or by ringing / visiting the school office. All term fees must be paid in advance before your child can start lessons. We realise that this is a new requirement and if you have any questions, please contact Mr McGown at the school.

General comments (if desired)

Parent/ Caregiver Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____