

## Information for Acquiring an Instrument

Sourcing your child's first instrument is an extremely exciting and important time in the development of their musical journey. It is extremely important to invest in a quality model instrument to give your child the best possible chance to succeed in making music.

### Buying an instrument

It is usually preferable to buy new, as your instrument should be free of defects and come with a warranty, but a good quality, reputable second-hand instrument can be a valid cheaper option. Good quality, well-maintained instruments will always play well and hold their value well after initial purchase. If you buy used, ensure you try before you buy to ensure it plays, and take it to a reputable instrument repairer for a full clean and service.

As a general rule for instruments, you really do get what you pay for, so please email the Music Staff at [music@thelakes.qld.edu.au](mailto:music@thelakes.qld.edu.au) if you have any queries regarding this important decision in your students' development.

### Hiring an instrument

You may hire from the school, as outlined prior, however many music shops also offer this service by a month, term, semester or yearly rate. This is another great affordable option with many hire schemes including a hire to buy option at the end.

**Reputable brands** may include, but are not limited to:

Flute	Geimenhardt, Pearl, Trevor James, Yamaha, Selmer, Armstrong, Jupiter	New - \$700 + Used - \$400 +
Bb Clarinet	Buffet, Yamaha, Le Blanc, Selmer, Armstrong, Buffet, Jupiter, Nuova	New - \$500 + Used - \$300 +
Saxophone	Yamaha, Selmer, Conn, Jupiter, Keilworth, King.	New - \$1200 + Used - \$900 +
Trumpet/ Trombone	Bach, Conn, Yamaha, Schagerl, B&S, Jupiter, King, Nuova	New - \$500 + Used - \$300 +
Violin/Viola	Gliga, Arioso, Enrico, St Antonio	New - \$300+ Used - \$100
Cello	Gliga, Arioso, Enrico, St Antonio	New - \$1000+ Used - \$400+

### Local Music Stores

Woods Wind and Brass	North Lakes	88 Flinders Parade	Ph: 1300 378 452 <a href="http://www.woodswindandbrass.com.au">www.woodswindandbrass.com.au</a>
Arties Music Max	Strathpine	700 Gympie Rd, Lawnton	Ph: 3889 7499 <a href="http://www.artiesstrathpine.com.au">www.artiesstrathpine.com.au</a>
Arties Music	Aspley	Shop 35/59 Albany Creek Rd	Ph: 3263 7966 <a href="http://www.artiesmusic.com.au">www.artiesmusic.com.au</a>
Australian Academy of Music	Brendale	26/302 South Pine Rd	Ph: 3889 9400 <a href="http://www.australianacademyofmusic.com">www.australianacademyofmusic.com</a>
Morris Brothers Musical Store	Stafford	2/17 Billabong St	Ph: 3356 3299 <a href="http://www.morrisbrothersmusicstore.com">www.morrisbrothersmusicstore.com</a>
Guitar Exchange	Morayfield	197 Morayfield Rd	Ph: 5428 2299 <a href="http://www.guitarexchange.com.au">www.guitarexchange.com.au</a>
Micks Mobile Music	Bracken Ridge	7 Pituri Street	Ph: 0416 150 213 <a href="http://www.micksmobilemusic.com">www.micksmobilemusic.com</a>
The School Locker	North Lakes	Shop 9A 4-6 Burke Crescent	Ph: 3490 1400 <a href="http://theschoollocker.com.au">theschoollocker.com.au</a>
Simply for Strings	Red Hill	78 Enoggera Terrace	Ph: 1300 739 293 <a href="http://www.simplyforstrings.com.au">www.simplyforstrings.com.au</a>

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