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Music Program 2019 Current Year 4 and Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers

As communicated in September this year, 2019 will see a number of changes to the Instrumental Music Programs at the College. This update will outline proposed changes and options for your child moving forward into Years 5 and 6 in 2019.

The aim of the Music Program at The Lakes College is always to provide a high-quality Music education that is accessible to all students. The large group sizes of the current instrumental program have meant that many students have not been able to reach their potential and progress to the highest standard. This has impacted the growth and playing levels of the ensemble programs at the College. Through a review of the program, the College decided that the best way for students to reach their potential would be through private instrumental lessons, in line with other independent schools. The many benefits of private lessons include:

- Ability to develop excellent instrument technique
- Individualised lessons, catering for each child's needs
- Students learn at their own pace and their progress is not limited by others
- Students receive immediate feedback
- Students are more accountable for their practice and their own learning
- Students receive lessons from a specialised instrumental tutor
- Students can prepare for and sit AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) exams

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The Music Staff encourage all families to seek private lessons in Years 5 and 6 as the best option for their child's Music learning; however, we do understand that the added financial cost of private lessons is difficult for some families. Taking this into consideration, the revised options for Year 5 and 6 students wanting to continue their instrumental Music lessons in 2019 are outlined below:

THE LAKES COLLEGE MUSIC STUDIO: PRIVATE TUITION	
DETAILS	COSTS (per term)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students take private lessons with a specialised tutor • 1 x 30-minute lesson per week, during school time on a rotational timetable, or fixed time before/after school • Students are expected to participate in a College Ensemble. All students will audition for places in these ensembles • Instrument hire is available through the College or purchase of own instrument 	Lessons: \$304 Instrument Hire: \$65
THE LAKES COLLEGE MUSIC STUDIO: SMALL GROUP TUITION	
DETAILS	COSTS (per term)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students take small group lessons (2-3 students) with a specialised tutor • 1 x 30-minute lesson per week, during school time on a rotational timetable, or fixed time before/after school • Students are expected to participate in a College Ensemble. All students will audition for places in these ensembles • Instrument hire is available through the College or purchase of own instrument 	Lessons: \$160 Instrument Hire: \$65
THE LAKES COLLEGE YEAR 5 AND 6 ENSEMBLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EDP): LARGE GROUP TUITION	
DETAILS	COSTS (per term)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students audition for selection into a College Ensemble • Students are allocated to large group lessons (6-8 students) based on instrument and ability • 1 x 30-minute lesson per week, during school time only, on a rotational timetable with College Instrumental Music Teachers • Students must commit to one (or more) ensembles, including all associated rehearsals and performances • Students must take the Ensemble Elective on Thursday afternoon for a minimum of one term throughout the year • Instrument hire is available through the College or purchase own instrument. • Students and Parents must sign a contract (attached) agreeing to commit to the program for the full year, to maintain a regular practice routine and complete homework tasks, to attend all lessons and take responsibility for their lesson times, and to attend all rehearsals and performances • N.B. Piano, guitar, voice and drumming instrumental instruction is not available as part of the Ensemble Development Program. 	EDP Fee: \$25 Instrument Hire: \$65

Please [click here](#) to indicate your interest for the Years 5 and 6 Instrumental Music Programs in 2019.

In previous years, students have been able to take their instruments home over the Christmas holiday period, so they can keep practicing. Students who are planning to continue in the program in 2019 have this option, with information and consent included in the above link.

Please note, students who currently have lessons on multiple instruments, and who wish to continue learning more than one instrument, may only take one lesson during school time in the week, to lessen the impact on curriculum lessons. Additional lessons may be taken before or after school if required. Students are responsible for making up missed class work and ensuring all assessment is completed in all subject areas.

Beginner Students

Any student wishing to begin learning a new instrument may do so at any time through The Lakes College Music Studios. Students who join The Lakes College as a new student in Years 5 or 6 may access the Ensemble Development Program through discussion with the Director of Music upon enrolment.

Ensemble Development Program Contract

Learning a musical instrument requires commitment, responsibility and perseverance. Your child will need encouragement and support during this journey. Acceptance into the Ensemble Development Program is conditional on the following expectations being accepted and consistently upheld.

Parental Commitment - We kindly ask you to support your child's instrumental learning by:

- Showing an interest in the music study of your child*
- Finding a quiet place for them to practice without interruption*
- Arranging a regular time for practice*
- Helping them with their practice as much as possible*
- Never making fun of the strange sound they may make*
- Helping them maintain a practice record*
- Providing them a safe place to keep their instrument*
- Ensuring the instrument is taken care of and kept clean and dry at all times*
- Teaching them to be on time for rehearsals and lessons*
- Encouraging them to play for others whenever possible*
- Providing additional accessories (reeds, strings, oil, music) as required*
- Communicating any issues with the music team as soon as possible*
- Ensuring they are in attendance at all performances*

Student Commitment - You are expected to:

- Practice regularly – 15 minutes, 4-5 times per week*
 - Complete all homework tasks*
 - Take part in all performance opportunities*
 - Attend lessons, rehearsals and other classes on time*
 - Catch up on any classwork missed due to instrumental lesson timetable*
 - Demonstrate safe, respectful behaviour as a learner at The Lakes College*
 - Take care of your instrument and music books*
 - Remember to bring your instrument and books to every rehearsal*
- Your child is enrolled for **the full school year**, during which their progress, commitment and behaviour will be carefully monitored. Failure to adhere to these expectations may result in discussions being made in relation to your child’s continued involvement within the Ensemble Development Program.
 - A \$100 non-refundable fee (charged at \$25 per term) is required for acceptance into the Ensemble Development Program. This fee will cover Ensemble costs including, but not limited to: staffing large group lessons, purchase of music, competition fees and bus travel subsidy.

NOTE: This contract does not need to be returned until students commence lessons in the EDP in 2019.

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read the terms of enrolment and agree to them.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____