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**Music Program 2019  
Current Year 6 -11**

Dear Parents and Carers

As communicated in September this year, 2019 will see several changes to the Instrumental Music Programs at the College. This update will outline reasons for proposed changes and options for your child moving forward into the Secondary School 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. Over the years, the growth and playing levels of the ensemble programs at the College has been impacted by the number of students continuing their instrumental studies once finishing Year 6, where instrumental music was included as part of the Primary curriculum. The Secondary Instrumental Music Program (SIMP), which was introduced in 2018, has gone some way to provide instrumental tuition for our Secondary students. However, through a review of all the instrumental program offerings, 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

The Music Staff encourage all families to seek private lessons in Year 7-12 as the best option for their child's music learning. As has been published in Tidings, these lessons will come under the branding of 'Music Studio' and are offered as private 1-to-1 tuition or small group tuition. Music Studio replaces SIMP from 2019. It is anticipated that Miss Sellick and Miss Hansen will continue taking instrumental lessons as part of Music Studio. As the program grows, additional tutors will be engaged by the College.

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THE LAKES COLLEGE MUSIC STUDIO: PRIVATE TUITION	
DETAILS	COSTS (per term)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students take private lessons with a specialised tutor</li> <li>• 30 minutes per week, during school time on a rotational timetable, or fixed time before/after school</li> <li>• Students are expected to participate in a College Ensemble. All students will audition for places in these ensembles</li> <li>• Instrument hire available through the College or purchase of own instrument</li> </ul>	Lessons: \$304  Instrument Hire: \$65
THE LAKES COLLEGE MUSIC STUDIO: SMALL GROUP TUITION	
DETAILS	COSTS (per term)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students take small group lessons (2-3 students) with a specialised tutor</li> <li>• 30 minutes per week, during school time on a rotational timetable, or fixed time before/after school</li> <li>• Students are expected to participate in a College Ensemble. All students will audition for places in these ensembles</li> <li>• Instrument hire available through the College or purchase of own instrument</li> </ul>	Lessons: \$160  Instrument Hire: \$65

Mr Eddie Whiting, our incoming Director of Music, will be overseeing the running of Music Studio from the beginning of 2019, however, families are able to put their child's name down now by completing the online form. Students who participated in SIMP this year are strongly encouraged to again take instrumental tuition.

Please [click here](#) to complete the online Expression of Interest form for Music Studio Tuition. In order for our College ensembles to continue to grow and develop in their musicality, all students who are members of a College ensemble (strings or band) will be required to be taking some form of instrumental instruction.

Please note, students who currently have lessons on multiple instruments, and wish to continue, may only take one lesson during school time in the week, to lessen the impact on class teachers and other curriculum lessons. 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.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me at [wjohnston@thelakes.qld.edu.au](mailto:wjohnston@thelakes.qld.edu.au).

Sincerely



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