

Fountain Gate Secondary College offers individually tailored expert tuition on a wide range of instruments alongside a wide range of ensemble opportunities that are tailored to all skill levels. Build confidence and develop technique, guided by expert teachers and experience music making with like-minded peers.

Instrumental Music Lessons & Ensemble Rehearsals

All students enrolled in our Instrumental Music ("IM") Program have a weekly 30-minute lesson on their chosen instrument on a fixed day with a rotating timetable.

In addition to instrumental lessons, students are also **required** to participate in one of the school ensembles that rehearse weekly on a fixed day either at lunchtime, before or after school.

Instruments available for study *subject to enrolment numbers and staffing

Flute	Clarinet	Alto Saxophone	Tenor Saxophone
Trombone	Euphonium	Drums	Guitar
Voice	Piano	Trumpet	Bass Guitar

Current Ensembles *subject to change

Guitar Ensemble	Monday after school	Flute Ensemble	Wednesday before school
Vocal Group	Friday before school	Clarinet Ensemble	Wednesday after school
Drum Ensemble	Tuesday lunchtime	Saxophone Ensemble	Wednesday lunchtime
Concert Band	Thursday after school	Woodwind Ensemble	Thursday lunchtime
Keyboard Ensemble	Thursday lunchtime	Rock Band *	TBC

2027 Fees

- **Instrumental tuition**, charged per instrument is \$300 per annum (\$150/Semester)
 - Early payment of tuition fees (**received by 23/11/2026**) will be reduced to \$250 per instrument per annum.
 - This payment can be made via Compass when your student is enrolled in the Instrumental Music Program for 2027; For other alternative payment methods, please see [attached form](#).
 - **For 2027 New Y7 students Only:**

A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required by **23/11/2026**. The deadline for the early bird discount for full year payment is extended to **22/2/2027**.

- **Instrument Hire** incurs an additional fee of \$100 per instrument per annum
 - Hire is available for flute, clarinet, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, euphonium.
 - Families are responsible for any costs associated with loss, theft, damage beyond normal wear and tear, or failure to return the instrument.
 - Instrument hire is subject to availability and is allocated at the school's discretion

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM ENROLMENT POLICY

Financial Commitment

As the Instrumental Music ("IM") Program requires the school to engage teaching staff and allocate resources based on enrolment numbers, all students must be **financially confirmed** before a place can be allocated. A student's enrolment will only be considered confirmed when:

- [Appendix: Express of Interest to Enrol](#) has been submitted.
- Any applicable instrumental music fees, deposits or approved payment plans have been finalised by the published due date.
- The family's account in the school's finance system is in good standing.

The school reserves the right to withhold, defer or cancel enrolment where fees remain unpaid or financial arrangements have not been established prior to staffing and timetable planning.

Enrolment Process

Parents/carers wishing to enrol a student in the IM Program must:

1. Submit the online IM Program Enrolment form by the closing date.
2. Acknowledge and accept the participation conditions through IM Program contract.
3. Ensure all required fees are paid, or approved payment plans are in place, by the specified due date.

Enrolment is not guaranteed until written confirmation is provided by the school.

Student Expectations

Students enrolled in the program are expected to:

- Attend lessons regularly and punctually.
- Participate in at least one ensemble in addition to their lesson.
- Bring required instruments, music and equipment to each session.
- Practise consistently between lessons.
- Demonstrate respectful behaviour towards staff, peers and equipment.
- Participate in rehearsals and performances where these form part of the program requirements.

Withdrawal from the Program

Requests to withdraw from the IM Program must be submitted in writing by a parent/carer. **Withdrawal may not release families from financial obligations** already incurred by the school for staffing or resource commitments. As the Program is funded through a dedicated budget, fees paid cannot be transferred or credited towards other school activities, programs, or charges.

Program Review

The school may review a student's continued participation where there are ongoing concerns regarding:

- Attendance.
- Commitment to learning.
- Behaviour.

Responsibilities

School

The school will:

- Provide information regarding enrolment timelines and fees.
- Plan staffing and timetables based on enrolments, i.e. financially confirmed.
- Deliver a high-quality instrumental music program within available resources.
- Communicate expectations clearly to students and families.
- 30 Minute lessons are rotated throughout the 5 periods of a particular day of the week.
- Ensemble lessons will run outside of class time – either before school, at lunch or afterschool.

Parents/Carers

Parents/carers will:

- Submit enrolment documentation by the required date.
- Fulfill financial obligations associated with participation.

- Support regular attendance and practice.

Students

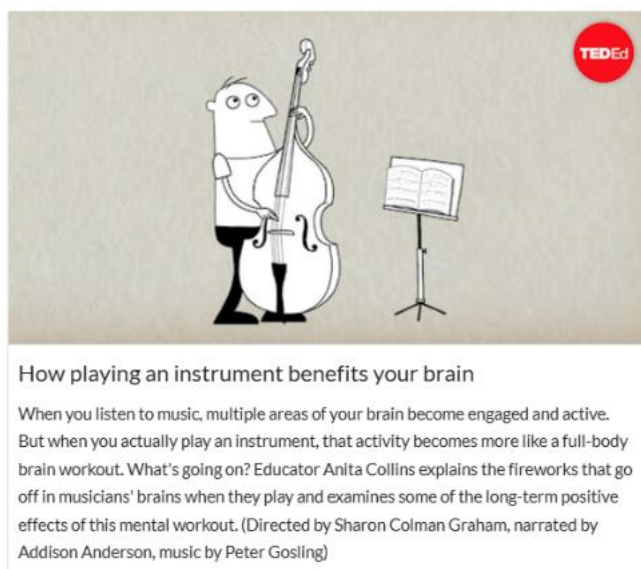
Students will:

- Engage positively in lessons and rehearsals.
- Maintain commitment to the learning program.
- Care for instruments and resources provided by the school.

*Enrolment in the Instrumental Program is based on the expectation that it will be for a **minimum of 1 year**.*

10 reasons why children should learn to play instruments:

- Increased memory skills
- Teaches perseverance and creates a sense of achievement
- Improves coordination
- Improves numeracy skills
- Improves reading and comprehension skills
- Creates responsibility
- Exposes the student to culture and history
- Nurtures self-expression
- Improves listening skills
- Improves social skills and teamwork



https://www.ted.com/talks/anita_collins_how_playing_an_instrument_benefits_your_brain

FGSC Instrumental Music Program 2027 Expression of Interest to Enrol

To accept the policy and express interest for participation in this program please fill in the [digital form](#) available by clicking on this link by 31/10/2026.



[form](#)

Alternatively, you can complete the slip provided below and return it to the school by the due date stated above.

I hereby accept the above conditions for participation in the 2027 Music Program

Student's Name:

Year Level in 2027

Signature of Student.....

Name of Parent/Guardian.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....

Date.....

INSTRUMENT: (Please list 3 preferences)

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

INSTRUMENT LEARNED IN 2026 (if applicable) _____

NUMBER OF YEARS PLAYING THIS INSTRUMENT (if applicable) _____

Payment:

Card Details

Card type	☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Other: _____
Card number	_____
Expiry date ____ / ____	CVV/CVC _____

Or Direct deposit to the school's bank account

Commonwealth bank: BSB 063610 Account: 1046 6780 Reference **STUDENT ID or Full Name + IM**

Compass Pay will be ready and sent out after 1/11/2026

Office Use Only:

Payment Received ☐ Yes