

[LEARN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AT PINEHURST](#)

Studies show that learning to play a musical instrument improves the neurological pathways in the brain and increases IQ. It is also the only activity that engages several areas of the brain to work simultaneously. Many adults wish they had learnt a musical instrument while at school. Now is the opportunity for your child not to miss out!

Pinehurst offers every student, from Year 0 to Year 13 the opportunity to learn a musical instrument through our Itinerant Music Programme.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Once a placement has been made, your child's tutor will be in touch regarding contact and invoicing details. Lessons are invoiced a term in advance and require prompt payment. Our Itinerant tutors charge around \$35 (some including GST, some do not). Please ensure that you notify the tutor if your child is unable to attend their lesson due to illness, travel or school related events. Our tutors are provided with a calendar of events at the start of each term and when possible, will organize a catch- up lesson in these circumstances. If a student forgets about their lesson time, our tutors will search out the student to remind them, however if no notification of absence is received, the missed lesson time will be counted as paid for. Should you wish your child to stop having instrumental tuition, a three-week termination of itinerant lessons period is required in all circumstances.

EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to practise regularly. The length of practice will depend on the age and level of your child. What is important is to establish a routine that can be followed on a daily basis. With younger students, practising should be supervised. Please give constant encouragement and support so that your child does not feel isolated. You may find it helpful to sit in on your child's lesson occasionally so that you know what the teacher expects.

We recommend that students set an alarm on their watch for their lesson time, regardless of age, so they can learn to self-manage.

THE PROCESS

Your child will be placed with a suitable itinerant tutor and a half hour lesson time will be allocated on a certain day which will remain for the term. Each term these lesson times will be rotated (normally by an hour), so that no student misses out on time within a subject consistently. Hundreds of students have itinerant lessons each week and it is impossible to accommodate everyone's ideal lesson time however if serious clashes occur or the student is disadvantaged significantly by their lesson time, please let the Head of Music know and an alternative might be available. Some of our itinerant tutors offer before school and afterschool lessons. All students that take Itinerant lessons will need to ensure that they catch up on the work missed in class.

HIRE OF INSTRUMENTS

Various music stores offer hiring options at reasonable rates. Both KBB and Music Works in Albany offer competitive rates. We advise that you speak to the itinerant teacher before purchasing a musical instrument for your child.

WILL MY CHILD'S EDUCATION BE AFFECTED?

Yes – positively! Most students who learn a musical instrument develop greater concentration, self-discipline, academic success and increased social skills.

So long as the student is prepared to catch up on missed class work, it should be an enhancing experience. They gain more than they miss.