



Cat Wall's Lesson Fee Schedule

Tuition fees are payable per school term (according to public school term dates)

2022 Lesson & Hire Fees (GST Inclusive)

30 minute pair lessons:	\$23.00/lesson (per student)
20 minute individual lessons:	\$23.00/lesson
30 minute individual lessons:	\$34.50/lesson
45 minute individual lessons:	\$51.75/lesson (studio only)
60 minute individual lessons:	\$69.00/lesson (studio only)
Drum Kit Hire (option 1):	\$115.00/term
Drum Kit Hire (option 2):	\$400.00/year
Room Usage Fee (Ararira School only):	\$10.00/term

In-school lessons:

Students will receive a 30-minute pair lesson (two students will learn together).

When a 30-minute pair lesson is not possible, students will receive a 20-minute individual lesson.

30-minute individual lessons will be offered to year 5-8 students who are following a diligent practice routine and who are making rapid progress. These students may be interested in sitting a Trinity Rock & Pop Drum Kit Exam (optional).

All students who sign up for scheduled weekly lessons shall be invoiced per school term.

Tuition must be paid for in full before the due date printed on your invoice, unless alternate arrangements have been made in advance. Payment should be made via direct credit (see the bank account number at bottom of your invoice).

*If your term payment falls overdue by seven days, a late payment fee of \$15.00 will apply.

*If your term payment falls overdue by fourteen days, lessons will be suspended until payment has been made in full. No catch up lessons will be offered for lessons missed as a result of late payment.

Please note that a \$60.00 late withdrawal penalty will apply if a student is withdrawn from lessons less than 72 hours prior to the commencement of a school term.

*This means that students must be withdrawn from lessons prior to 9am on the Friday before term starts.

*For term one 2022, students must be withdrawn from lessons **no later than Monday 7th February**.



Cat Wall's Teaching Policy

This teaching policy provides information and sets tuition guidelines for the students of Catherine Wall and their parents. Prospective students and parents should read this policy in full.

New Students - minimum commitment:

All new students shall be required to commit to attending lessons for a **minimum of one school term**. Lessons will be invoiced approx. two weeks prior to the student's first lesson and **must be paid for in full prior to the commencement of lessons**. No refund will be given if a student decides to discontinue lessons part-way through the term.

If a student wishes to withdraw from lessons during the year, Cat must be notified at least 72 hours prior to the commencement of the new school term. Again, no refund will be given if a student decides to discontinue lessons part-way through a school term.

Practice & Attitude:

All students are expected to practice regularly at home between lessons. Beginner students should practice at least four times a week for **fifteen to twenty minutes**. Establishing a weekly practice routine is very important for developing discipline & focus as well as technical & musical ability, and young students will need parental help in setting a regular daily practice time. Often, scheduling practice before school works well, as students are fresh and not distracted by after-school commitments.

Intermediate level students (two to four years of playing experience) should complete five twenty to thirty minute practice sessions per week, and advanced students should aim to practice for between thirty minutes and one hour, five times a week.

Initially, it is not essential for beginner students to have a drum-kit, as a lot of practice tasks can be accomplished with a drum practice pad and an 'improvised' drum-kit (chairs, cushions, buckets!). **After two to three terms of drum lessons however, students will need a drum-kit at home to best support their musical development.**

Students are expected to behave respectfully during lessons. Cat reserves the right to suspend a lesson if a student is misbehaving. Parents will be contacted in the event of regular misbehaviour and/or a lack of willingness to participate during lessons, and tuition will be terminated if the student's behaviour does not improve.

Punctuality:

Students are expected to be on time for lessons, and lessons will not be extended if a student arrives late. No catch up lesson will be offered if a student forgets to attend a lesson.

Remembering lessons at school: **It is highly recommended that students wear a watch on the day of their lesson.** Parents should help their student to set a reminder alarm for five minutes prior to their scheduled lesson time, as students often become absorbed in classroom activities and can forget to leave class in time for their lesson!

****Note that Cat is not responsible for collecting students for their lessons***

Organisation:

Students must remember to bring their drum sticks and tuition book or clear-file music folder (containing all sheet music and hand-out material) to every lesson.

Students who need glasses for reading should also bring these to their drum lesson!

My Music Staff:

**Students and parents will be emailed individual login instructions for
Cat's student & parent portal on My Music Staff.**

You will be able to access this portal via the Contact/Student Login page of Cat's website:

www.catwalldrums.com

After logging in, both parent and student will be able to view attendance records, keep an online practice diary, and access online resources (MP3 & PDF files) for their lessons. When needed, Cat will write notes for each student during their lesson, and these notes will appear on the student's home page each week. This will make it easier for students and parents to keep track of what needs to be practiced at home.

Cat will also list any new repertoire that a student is working on, and it is essential that these resources are printed / downloaded for students to utilise, both at their lessons and during practice time. Students should keep all of their printed sheet music in a clear-file folder.

Cat will help beginning students to remember what to practice by marking relevant pages in their tuition book with sticky tabs (beginning students will not need to print resources from My Music Staff until later on).

Parental involvement:

Parents are encouraged to attend their student's lessons should they wish to do so. Students love to demonstrate what they have learned, and it is great for parents to see what happens during a lesson.

It is essential that parents encourage and take an interest in their student's development & achievement. Parents should actively promote **productive** practice at home (this means working on specific exercises set at lessons before playing around/having fun on the drum-kit).

Absences:

If a student is unable to attend a lesson for any reason, **Cat must be contacted via text message or email before 8:00am on the day of the scheduled lesson.** No catch-up lesson will be offered if notice is given later than 8:00am.

Catch-up lesson slots will be available on My Music Staff via the student portal. Students with catch up credits owing may book these slots each term to suit. Generally, there will be a limit of one catch up credit per student per term.

See next page for catch-up lesson guidelines

** If Cat is for any reason unable to take a lesson, she will notify parents and the school as soon as possible and the missed lesson will either be caught up in Week 10 of term or credited on the student's next invoice.*

Public Holidays:

Lessons will not be scheduled on public holidays (there may be some exceptions for Studio students). The number of teaching weeks invoiced per school term will reflect this.

Catch-up Lesson Guidelines:

Catch-up lessons are subject to availability and will be offered at Cat's discretion for **notified absences**. Please understand that Cat's tuition schedule is currently full and that catch-up lesson slots are limited.

A catch up lesson will only be scheduled for a student if it is specifically requested via email or text message. Students will be scheduled for no more than one catch-up lesson per term (unless there are extenuating circumstances).

Valid reasons for a catch-up lesson/lesson credit include:

- Notified Illness or Injury
- School Camps (parents must notify Cat at least one week in advance)

Catch-up lessons/lesson credits will **not** be offered as a result of the following:

- Non-compulsory school events (e.g. swimming lessons, sports tournaments, class trips)
- Family holidays taken during term-time
- School absences due to birthday celebrations etc. (i.e. non-illness related absences)
- Teacher Only Days (Cat will either teach at her studio, or lessons will not be scheduled/invoiced)
- A student who forgets to attend a lesson
- Studio students: After-school schedule clashes (e.g. sports training or competitions, dance recitals, family dinners)

SNOW DAYS/SCHOOL CLOSURES/TEACHER STRIKES:

Cat will be available for lessons by arrangement at her studio or via Skype or Zoom on the day of the school closure. Due to scheduling constraints, catch up lessons will not be offered on another day.

NOTES:

*Cat will teach for nine weeks per school term, **with Week 10 being reserved for catch-up lessons in terms two, three & four.**

*In Term One 2022, lessons will commence on Monday 14th February, and Friday students will receive eight weeks of lessons (as there will be no lessons on Good Friday, i.e. the last day of term).

* **Studio students & parents:** Please read my [2022 Covid-19 Studio Protocols document](#)