

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Merrin School boasts a busy music programme and this is your chance to enrol your child for 2024!

Our teachers are very experienced and they enjoy sharing their love of music with around a fifth of the school who participate in the Itinerant programme. There are also opportunities to join the orchestra or rock band as students progress.

Spaces are strictly limited due to room constraints, I encourage you to enrol early to avoid being placed on a wait list.

Clarinet and saxophone may be offered, if there is sufficient demand.

If your child is interested in any music lesson please email me directly with details, contact the relevant tutor or fill out the form and leave at the office.

If you have any further questions please feel free to ring or email me.

Susan Dollin

Merrin School Itinerant Music Coordinator

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Cello - Wednesdays

Naomi Harmer studied cello at Canterbury University, with Alexander Ivashkin and Edith Salzmann. She has taught cello for many years and really enjoys working with students individually and in groups. Cello lessons are suited to students of all ages, younger students may benefit from having a parent attend lessons. Naomi is also a registered Suzuki teacher. Cellos can be hired through Music Works or Beggs, or second hand instruments can often be bought for \$300-400. Naomi is happy to help organise cello purchase or hire, as getting the right size is important.

Drums - Mondays

Drum tuition in 2024 will be provided by Monster Music. See www.monstermusic.nz for details and sign up.

Flute - Wednesdays

Susan Dollin (B.Mus (Hons), B.A, AIRMT) is a very experienced flute tutor and performer working in numerous schools around the city, tutoring for the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival and performing with orchestras such as CSO and Resonance Ensemble.

Flute lessons are suited to students aged 9 and older although sometimes younger students can be accommodated but will need to meet with Susan first.

Flutes can be hired through Music Works for the school year or second hand instruments can often be bought for \$300-400. Susan is happy to help source a suitable instrument. Beginner students will learn in a pair for 30 mins at a cost of \$18 per student, or an individual lesson, \$22 for 20 minutes.

Guitar and Ukulele - Tuesdays

Chris Dabinett graduated with an Advanced Diploma in Music from Massey University.

Instruments he teaches include guitar, ukulele and bass. Chris has over 15 years experience teaching children and likes to get them enthusiastic by using modern repertoire they can relate to along with a fun learning environment.

Group lessons for ukulele are \$10 per lesson, and guitar is \$13 per lesson.

Keyboard - Thursdays

Yoon teaches the basics of playing the keyboard in modern playing styles. Her passion is helping students make great music through creative playing. While her background is in classical music, she has expanded into playing in church bands and for choirs for over 20 years. Yoon's students achieve high marks in Trinity Rock and Pop Keyboard grade exams and Classical Piano. Yoon teaches individually and in groups. Lessons are for 20 or 30 minutes from the age of 5. Contact Yoon on 027 721 1105 or email creator.joa@gmail.com

Piano - Tuesdays
Tutor – Barbara Auton, Email: aubama@xtra.co.nz

Limited piano places are available and a piano or keyboard is required at home for practise. Piano enrolments for 2024 open Monday 29 January and close Wednesday 07 February. Applications open for students -

- Individual Lessons - \$33 for 30 minutes or Individual lessons \$17 for 15 minutes (years 5 - 8)
- Paired group lessons when available - \$17 per student, 30-minute lesson (years 3 - 4)

Violin - Thursdays

Alisa Smith (M.Mus) is passionate about educating children and teaches violin by the Suzuki method. Also known as the mother tongue method, it is a holistic approach to music lessons, and is best if a parent accompanies younger/ beginner students to their lessons. Lessons cost \$22 for 20min. Alisa will help choosing the right small size violin. When she isn't teaching, Alisa is also an active musician, performing regularly as a member of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra and in string quartets and other ensembles. Email aalisajoy@gmail.com

Parent/caregiver: please complete the following:

Name of Student: Name of Parent
School year in 2024:
Home phone:
Mobile phone:
Email Address:
Home address:
Instrument your child wants to learn
Any other comments