

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we make our way very quickly to the end of 2017 it is time to start planning for new opportunities and exciting new hobbies in the new year. The following outlines what happens with Itinerant music at Merrin and hopefully gives you and your child a chance to think about what they might like to learn in 2018. Due to space limitations some lessons fill up quickly and others require a bit of preparation (obtaining an instrument or music) before lessons can start so I encourage you to enrol sooner rather than later.

Lessons are mostly on Tuesdays at school and will cost between \$110 and \$290 a term, depending on lesson length and whether it is an individual or group lesson.

If your child is interested please email me directly with details (preferred) or fill out the form and leave at the office.

We are very excited to be offering brass lessons for the first time, we have a new keyboard tutor and would also particularly love to have some more clarinet and saxophone students.

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

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Brass (French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba)

Adrian Dalton is a tuba player who studied music at Huddersfield University, U.K, sparking a love of brass band playing.

Adrian moved to NZ in 2011 and has since been crowned Champion BBb Bass of New Zealand at the National Brass Band Championships and has been an Itinerant Brass Tutor in Christchurch since early 2012.

Adrian teaches initially in groups of 2/3 at a pro-rata rate of \$60 p/h, so two children sharing a 30 minute lesson would each pay \$15 a lesson. The rates are discounted to \$40 p/h (\$10 a lesson) for members of Nor'west Brass.

Nor'west Brass

The huge majority of Adrian's private students enjoy the benefits of playing for Nor'west Brass in addition to the private tuition they receive in school. NwB was set-up by Adrian along with his colleague Bill Vail to fill the need for a local band for youngsters from the North-West corner of the city. Members get advantageous instrument hire rates as well as discounted school based tuition from Adrian himself. NwB set-up a brand new training band TWICE a year (Feb and Aug) with all players from that band progressing on through a chain of development bands right through to the main Senior Band who are the current Canterbury Provincial Champions.

The band rehearse every Thursday at Papanui High School, Langdons Road

Cello

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.

Clarinet and Saxophone

Guy de Lacey is a very experienced tutor with 40 years of teaching behind him. He teaches in a variety of schools and also privately as well. All levels of tuition are taught and it is possible to get coaching for instrumental exams. He has also spent many years conducting orchestras and concert bands at some of these schools

Clarinet and sax take some time to master but do offer great reward to the student when they become more proficient on them. It is possible to have tuition in Classical or Jazz styles on either instrument. The playing opportunities these students receive ranges from concert bands to Jazz bands, orchestras, chamber music groups and also to solo playing. Merrin school has a thriving orchestra and Rock band and these groups are always in need of new keen players.

Instruments can be hired from local music shops where there is also a large range available for purchase. Lessons are \$20 for 20 mins and Guy is happy to answer any queries on 0210505103.

Drums

Andrew Couper has a Certificate in Jazz Performance, is a qualified secondary school teacher & has taught drums for 20 years. He plays drums for the Garden City Big Band, Nor' West Brass senior band and in small group jazz ensembles. Drum kit lessons are best suited to children 8 years & older. Lessons cost \$30.00 for 30 minutes & \$20.00 for 20 minutes. Trinity Rock & Pop syllabus is available if parents are interested in their child sitting an exam.

Pupils will need to have their own kit or have easy access to one in order for regular practice to occur.

Flute

Susan Dollin is a very experienced teacher and performer holding a Mus.B with First Class Honours in performance flute, is an AIRMT member and performs regularly with the Christchurch Symphony and Resonance Ensemble.

Flute lessons are suited to students aged 8 and older although sometimes younger students can be accommodated but will need to meet with her first.

Instruments can be hired through Music Works for approx. \$150 for the school year or second hand instruments can often be bought for \$300-400. Ideally beginning students will learn in a pair for 30 mins at a cost of \$14 per student or \$28 for an individual 30 minute lesson.

Guitar and Ukulele

Dave Crosson graduated with a Bachelor of Music in 2008 and has been teaching a range of instruments since, including bass, guitar, and ukulele, and enjoys providing students with skills to help them grow and discover the joy of making music. Group lessons for ukulele are \$10 per lesson, and guitar is \$13. Individual guitar and bass lessons are \$25 per lesson. He would recommend bass lessons begin years 7 & 8 and also offers hire for bass guitar. He is happy to offer advice on purchasing instruments.

Keyboard

Yoon Cho teaches keyboard, specialising in modern playing styles. Helping students create great musical ideas through teaching creativity playing keyboard and piano is her passion. She gets pleasure in students achieving their goals whether for personal satisfaction or for taking music further. Yoon has accompanied church bands and choirs for 20 years on synthesiser, keyboard and piano.

Yoon teaches under the auspices of the NZ Modern School of Music, which has been teaching students throughout NZ since 1952. See website:

Christchurch: <http://www.modernmusicchristchurch.co.nz/>

Lessons are for 20 or 30 minutes. You can contact Yoon on: [027 721 1105](tel:0277211105)

Piano

Barbara Auton is a qualified and registered piano and classroom teacher. Her qualifications include an ATCL, an Advanced Diploma in Teaching, and a Certificate in Educational Management and is a member of the IRMTNZ. She has worked for many years as a music specialist in the classroom, a private piano teacher and an administrator in The Arts. Piano lessons are suited to students aged 7 and older. Younger students can be considered but need to meet with her first. A piano or keyboard will be required for practice at home. Individual and paired group lessons are available. At the first lesson she will assess which programme would best suit the student's readiness or continuation of their piano and theory tuition. An individual lesson costs \$26 for 30 minutes and pair group lesson costs \$15 per student for 30 minutes.

Violin

Lorraine Horton is a very experienced, IRMTNZ registered teacher of piano, violin and theory. She plays first violin with Canterbury Philharmonia.

The Suzuki Violin Method is taught at Merrin and is suitable for those 5 years and older, although traditional violin and separate theory lessons are also available. Parents have noticed their child's maths and reading progress has greatly improved after learning the violin for 9 months as it teaches focus, ability and self confidence.

Suzuki Violin is a fun programme made up of both an individual lesson (20 minutes) and group theory/playing lesson (30 minutes) for each child. This is a total of 50 minutes a week and costs \$29. A parent must attend the private lesson.

Violins are \$140 to hire a year from Music Works and come in different sizes, Lorraine can advise. Traditional private lessons are available for years 5 -8, at \$21 for 20mins .

Parent/caregiver: please complete the following:

Name of Student: Name of Parent

School year in 2018:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Email Address:

Home address:

Instrument your child wants to learn

Any other comments