

Cut off date for band enrolments

Beginners must be enrolled and ready to start band rehearsals and lessons by week 3 of term 1.

Late enrolments will only be accepted if the student has past experience learning a musical instrument, at the discretion of the band programme co-ordinator.

Reading music notation and theory of music are an integral part of the band programme and are learned in a cumulative way. Home practice (short sessions several times per week) is extremely important for students to progress and experience success on their instrument.

Trips and Performances

Throughout the year band members will have the opportunity to take part in trips, workshops and performances which are an integral part of the programme. We will give you ample notice of these events and encourage you to come along and support your child.

Band Programme Fees

The Christchurch School of Music provides the Outreach Band Programme at your school. We work hard to keep the fees as affordable as possible. The fee you pay goes towards paying for the tutors and conductors, administering the programme and providing some musical equipment.

The fee for the Programme is \$630.00 per year. We are happy to invoice and receive 4 payments of \$157.50 to make it easier to pay. Fees MUST be paid within two weeks of invoicing. This fee covers standard group lessons and involvement in at least one band. As your child makes progress they may play in more than one band but the fee does not increase.

Financial Assistance

If you have a Community Services Card you may be eligible for a 50% discount on the base year's fees. This discount is dependent on grant funding so you need to apply early.

Enrolment Form

Use this QR Code to access the online enrolment form.

If you prefer, you can download an enrolment form from our website, or you can phone the CSM office on 366-1711 for more information.



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The Outreach Band Programme

The CSM Outreach Band Programme combines individual lessons with ensemble playing right from the first note. Being part of a band can provide students with skills that will last a lifetime. As well as the wonderful musical benefits students will gain valuable social, physical and academic skills. And most importantly, it's fun!

The Bands

The Band Programme has four levels of band: Training Band, Concert Band, Youth Band and Jazz Bands. Usually students will spend their first year in the Training Band, the second in the Concert Band and from the third year join the Youth Band and/or a Jazz Band depending on their instrument. Band Programme tutors place students in the band that is most suitable for them.

Training Band (beginners)

The Training Band is for students new to their instruments. Students work through the first half of their tutor book 1, while learning to read music and playing their instrument in the training band.

Concert Band

After a year in the Training Band most students will move to the Concert Band to complete tutor book 1. They will develop their musical skills and be exposed to more challenging band repertoire.

Youth Band

When students have completed tutor book 1, they can be invited to join the CSM Youth Band whose repertoire is more upbeat and demanding at Grade 3-5 ABRSM level. This band plays regularly at school and community events.

Jazz Band – Extension Ensemble

This smaller extension group is by audition for students who have reached approximately Grade 4-6 ABRSM standard. A variety of jazz styles & repertoire is played while jazz articulation and basic jazz improvisation skills are introduced.

Instruments in Our Bands



Flute

The flute is light and portable and is suitable for most children. A curved headjoint flute is recommended for smaller children.



Clarinet

The clarinet uses reeds, is portable and is ideal for most children.



Alto Saxophone

The sax is popular and uses reeds. It is an expensive instrument and rather heavy for smaller children.



Trumpet

Portable, robust and easy to play, the trumpet is suitable for most children.



Trombone The popular 'P bones' are lightweight and come in bright colours. The trombone is suitable for most children.



Bass Guitar

½ and ¾ size bass guitars are available. A bass guitar, amplifier & leads must be purchased as no shops hire these.



Tuned Percussion 'Glockenspiel'

Handy and portable the glockenspiel is a small metal keyboard that you play with sticks.



Percussion A quiet rubber practice pad is used at home. Children progress to playing drum kit and a variety of percussion instruments after learning the basics on a snare and bass drum.

Choosing an Instrument

We will try very hard to give each child their first preference but we have to create a balanced sound in the band. In a band of around 30 children we would ideally have 6 flutes, 6 clarinets, 3 alto saxophones, 4 trumpets, 2 trombones, 2 bass guitars, 2 glockenspiel, 3 percussion. You can appreciate that a band of 21 bass guitars and 7 flutes would not be very balanced!

Instruments & music books

Band members can purchase their own instrument or hire one through a local music shop. Students are encouraged to buy their own instruments as they progress. Tutors will be happy to give advice on instrument purchase. We will inform you about which music books to purchase. Our preference is Essential Elements for band.

Tutors and Lessons

All students have a weekly music lesson. During these lessons, students will learn to read music and rhythm and will be taught correct technique on their instruments. Lessons are taught by qualified musicians and music tutors who have experience with group teaching.

The standard lesson length is 15 minutes per student, with maximum group lessons of 2 students who are at the same level of playing. Longer individual lessons at an increased cost are available on request and are recommended by the tutor depending on progress.

Band Rehearsals

Band rehearses once a week, either before or after school. We encourage children to attend every rehearsal and ask each member of the band to help set up and pack up the band room. Like any good team a band needs all its members to participate fully with enthusiasm, commitment and respect. Students should bring their instrument and music books to each rehearsal. Please email your school band conductor if your child is unable to attend a rehearsal.