



Preshil's Instrumental Music program has been running for many years, providing students with opportunities to participate in solo and group performances within the School and at non-school events. Our tutors are professional musicians who, as well as providing lessons to our students, regularly perform themselves.

We are delighted to offer Preshil students the opportunity to receive music lessons from private tutors, during the school day and at either end of the day (by arrangement). This program is one component of the total music program at Preshil and supports the School's deep commitment to a vibrant and inclusive culture where musical expression is considered a right and an essential element in our community life.

Details of music events are published in a number of our School newsletters and the Compass calendar.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

Preshil offers two types of examinations:

- in-house exams, and
- external exams run by the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB).

Discussions regarding examination eligibility should be made directly with the student's tutor.

In-house exams are rigorous, semi-formal exams run by the music department and offer students constructive feedback from one of our tutors. The AMEB exams are modelled on the traditional formal exam and offer students feedback with grading by an external musician.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Lessons are held during the school day and scheduled according to a rotating timetable. They may take place during class time, lunchtime or before and after school.

Enrolment is for the academic year. **Applications** are available on the School website. Once submitted the application will be sent to our Campus Music Administrators, **Judy O'Donnell** at the Blackhall Kalimna campus or to **Deb Wright** at the Arlington campus.

Preshil has a limited number of instruments for hire. Any family interested in hiring an instrument is advised to contact their tutor once allocated. Students will be contacted by their tutor to inform them of lesson times and are expected to attend scheduled lessons without needing to be reminded.

Lessons are available in the following:

- Acoustic Guitar
- Bassoon
- Cello
- Clarinet
- Double Bass
- Drum Kit
- Electric Bass
- Electric Guitar
- Flute
- Oboe
- Percussion
- Piano
- Saxophone
- Trombone
- Trumpet
- Viola
- Violin
- Voice

EXTRA LESSONS

In some cases, tutors may provide extra lessons. If this is of interest to you or your child, please contact your tutor to discuss the possibility. It is essential to understand that any arrangements for extra lessons are private arrangements between you and the tutor. The School accepts no responsibility for these arrangements.

OPEN LESSONS

There is an opportunity in Term 1 and Term 3 to attend your child's instrumental lesson and, together with the tutor, set goals and practice timetables, as well as learn how parents can help at home.

COST PER LESSON

Typically, there are 8 lessons per term. For more specific information, please contact our administrators.

LESSON LENGTH	PER LESSON CHARGE
30 Minutes	\$50
45 Minutes	\$73
60 Minutes	\$96

ENSEMBLES

Arlington Strings'n'Things

- **Day:** Tuesday 8.30am
- **Standard:** All Welcome
- **Teacher:** Michelle Berner
- **Location:** Primary Campus Hall

Learning an instrument and want to create an even bigger sound and meet people? Come along and explore some awesome music while learning how to work as a team, expand your skills and have fun performing.

Pavement Choir

- **Day:** Wednesday 8.00am
 - **Standard:** All Welcome
 - **Teacher:** Michelle Berner
 - **Location:** Secondary Campus Music Room
- Singing tunes you love with your friends is one of life's greatest joys. Come and join Michelle and learn how to improvise, sing a cappella and in part harmony. Sing tunes from all over the world and make them yours.

Band-Aid!

- **Day:** Wednesday Lunchtime
 - **Standard:** All Welcome
 - **Teacher:** Adrian Perger
 - **Location:** Secondary Campus Music Room
- Enjoy listening to lots of different types of music and want to make it yourself? Then this is for you! Jazz, pop, funk, world music, whatever your musical tastes, Adrian will show you that being a musician is the best fun.

Cello Ensemble

- **Day:** Thursday 8.00am
 - **Standard:** All Welcome
 - **Teacher:** Karoline Kuti
 - **Location:** Secondary Campus Music Room
- Love playing the cello? This is for you! Explore the rich and diverse cello ensemble repertoire from Villa Lobos to the Rolling Stones. This fun ensemble will challenge and push your skills.

Flying for a Prize Choir

- **Day:** Thursday 8:30am
- **Standard:** All Welcome
- **Teacher:** Michelle Berner
- **Location:** Primary Campus Hall

Love singing in the shower or in the car on the way to school? Then come and join our singing diva, Michelle, to explore classics and pop favourites with your friends. Investigate the world of singing through learning to sing in unison, solo and part harmonies.

Strings Quartet

- **Day:** Friday 7:45 am
 - **Standard:** Completed AMEB Grade 2 or Suzuki Book 2
 - **Teacher:** Atilla Kuti
 - **Location:** Secondary Campus Music Room
- Investigate the endless possibilities of the string world through music spanning Amadeus Mozart to the Arctic Monkeys. Our resident gypsy violinist, Atilla, will challenge, inspire and lead you through a world of rockin' string playing. Expand your skills, work as a team and have fun!

Soul Band

- **Day:** Monday 8.30am
- **Standard:** All Welcome
- **Teacher:** Taran Carter

The Soul Band band is a new group to Preshil. This group explores the wonderfully infectious sounds of Soul, Ska and Funk music.

All In Project Band

This ensemble runs on a project basis. When there is a need, for example, a production, this band gets together to create music to support the endeavours of the school.

Please contact our Head of Music for more information about ensembles (taran.carter@preshil.vic.edu.au).



ENROL NOW

Please [click here to access the Music Enrolment Form \(click to open\)](#) available on the Music page of our website.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information about the above, or to confirm your details, please contact our Campus Music Administrators:

Kindergarten & Primary School:

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Secondary School:

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Head of Music

Taran Carter (taran.carter@preshil.vic.edu.au)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Every effort will be made to encourage older students in the Arlington 10s and 11s to get themselves to music classes, while younger students will be collected by tutors for their lessons. Students in Year 7 will be given one term to learn how to get themselves to their music lessons, however, tutors will collect them from class if they do not arrive on time. After this, it is expected that all Secondary Students will know their time and be able to get themselves to their lesson. Students who do not arrive on time will be marked as absent, and the lesson will not be made up.
2. There are eight lessons per term that are billed prior to the commencement of each term. Lessons commenced part-way through a billing period will be charged on a pro-rata basis. All billing enquiries should be directed to the Business Manager (.
3. In cases where lessons have been missed due to school events (excursions, exams, camps etc), tutor illness or student issues (where sufficient notice has been received), tutors will make all reasonable attempts to provide a make-up lesson. In some cases, this may require a longer lesson. In the event a make-up lesson is unable to be scheduled, the value will be credited to your account. If it is known that a child will be absent from school for any reason, parents should report the absence on (03) 9817 6135 before 8:30am on the day.
4. If a student's injuries prevent them from playing an instrument, the tutor may offer theoretical-based lessons for a time until the student is able to resume playing. Where the injury is prolonged (more than two weeks) or recovery time unpredictable or unknown, parents have the option to cancel lessons with four weeks' notice. Any queries relating to such cases should be brought to the attention of our Head of Music as soon as the tutor is notified. You will be notified of your child's first lesson either by phone or email. Please allow at least ten days for confirmation from a tutor. Lessons usually commence in the second week of each term.
5. Enrolment is an annual commitment and is considered ongoing from term to term unless written notification of termination is provided. Lessons cannot be cancelled during term time and four weeks' written notice is required to the appropriate campus Music Administrator to terminate lessons. Termination of lessons will take effect from the following term. If terminating, we value all feedback. We take the happiness of the children extremely seriously and want to ensure every student enjoys and feels supported by the program.
6. Four weeks' term time notice in writing to the appropriate Administrator is required if your child wishes to change instruments.