

Co-curricular Music Program

2024 Handbook



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1 INTRODUCTION

Hillbrook offers an extensive and high quality co-curricular Music program in which students have the opportunity to undertake individual instrumental or voice lessons with a specialist teacher.

Students involved in the co-curricular Music program are encouraged to become involved in one or more of the many performance ensembles. These include:

- Concert Bands
- String Orchestras
- Choirs
- Stage Bands
- Brass Bands
- Percussion Ensembles
- Guitar Ensembles
- Small Chamber Groups.

Student generated ensembles are also encouraged and supported with facilities and performance opportunities.

At Hillbrook, there is a strong link between the academic and co-curricular Music programs. This allows students to benefit academically from the effort put into their individual co-curricular activities and, in turn, classroom activities compliment the practical performance skills accordingly.

2 Year 7 CLASSROOM MUSIC PROGRAM

All year 7 students participate in Classroom Music for one semester in semester 1 or semester 2. Students who do not have access to their own instrument will be given a school hire instrument for the semester. The instrument hire fee of \$130 is added to the school fees.

3 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

3.1 How to Enrol

- Complete the application form [here](#).
- After the application form has been processed, students will be emailed details of their first lesson.

Please note enrolment in music lessons will be **automatically rolled over to the next term (and the following year)** unless we are advised otherwise (refer to 2.5 Cancellation of Enrolment).

3.2 Lesson Information

Instrumental music lessons run for 30 minutes once a week and are scheduled on a rotating basis. For lesson schedules, student's login into [Online@Hillbrook](#) and click on 'instrumental lessons'. Students can also check timetables on the music notice board located in music reception.

We occasionally have permanent lesson times available outside of class time; however, preference for these time slots will be given to senior students.

Sometimes we may have to change the fixed lesson time and in these situations the student will be advised, and an alternative suitable time will be organised.

We believe students should take responsibility for their own learning and manage their own music timetable and we don't provide the timetables directly to parents. Please ask your child if you need to know their music schedule. Students are encouraged to manage their own timetables. They are required to be punctual and attend all scheduled lessons.

3.3 Missed Lessons

Instrumental teachers at Hillbrook are professionals in their field and teaching at Hillbrook encompasses part of their livelihood, therefore missed lessons with no notice will still be charged. To avoid this situation, in the event of:

- **Illness** – call 3354 6460 or email liz.worth@hillbrook.qld.edu.au or Instrumental Teacher prior to 7:30am on the day of the lesson.
- **Camps, excursions, exams, or appointments** – provide at least 24 hours' notice either by email or telephone.

3.4 Rescheduled Lessons

- In instances where we haven't been advised the student will not be attending, there is no obligation on behalf of the teacher to reschedule the lesson.
- In the event that the teacher is absent, an alternative lesson time will be scheduled. If this is not possible, a credit will be issued.

3.5 Cancellation of Enrolment

We expect students to commit to learning an instrument for a full term. In the event of a change of situation that results in withdrawal from the Instrumental Music Program we

will require **two weeks written notification**, either by email directly to liz.worth@hillbrook.qld.edu.au or a signed letter from parent/carer. Verbal notification from a student to withdraw from lessons and/or the music program must be confirmed by a parent/carer.

Notification of withdrawal from the program at the beginning of a New Year must be received prior to the commencement of Term 1 or two weeks' notice and the Term's Music Program fee will be payable.

3.6 Communication

Communication to parents and students from the Music Department will be via:

Student Cafe	Email	Parent Lounge	Telephone
Daily Notices	Online@Hillbrook	Student's music diary	School Newsletter

Students can also check the Music notice board or speak directly to the Music Admin Support Officer at music reception.

3.7 Co-Curricular Instrumental Music teachers at Hillbrook

We are fortunate to have some very talented teachers in our music program.

Instrument	Teacher	Instrument	Teacher
Brass	Neil Favell	Oboe	Sarah Hill
Bassoon	Nicole Tait	Percussion	Grace Weaver
Cello	Naomi Faulkner	Piano	Mitchell Leigh
Clarinet	Paula Gresham	Saxophone	Nicole Sorensen
Double Bass	Renn Hunt	Violin and Viola	Tuuli Rantanen
Flute	Margie Cottrell	Voice	Bernadette Debattista
Guitar & Bass Guitar	Nick Lavers	Voice	Lou Wall

4 COSTS INVOLVED

4.1 Co-Curricular Music Fees

Tuition and Ensemble Fees can be paid annually or per term and they are added to your parent account at the end of each term.

Please note there is a new fee structure for 2024.

Item	Fee	Details
Music Program Fee	\$260 annual / \$65 per term	The Music Program Fee is payable by all students participating in the Hillbrook music co-curricular program and covers administration, concerts, performances, choir, ensembles, ensemble music and music folders.
Private Lessons		36 weeks per annum
Single 30 Minutes	\$1,764 annual / \$441 per term	Students receive one individual 30min lesson per week from a specialist instrumental teacher.
Single 45 minutes [extended lesson]	\$2,646 annual / \$661.50 per term	Students receive one individual 45min lesson per week from a specialist instrumental teacher.
Double 60 minutes [extended lesson]	\$3,528 annual / \$882 per term	This fee applies to students who elect to study a second instrument and receive one individual 30 min lesson on each instrument per week or students who elect to receive one individual 60min lesson per week on their chosen instrument from a specialist instrumental teacher/s.

* The annual music program fee is charged once per student and covers unlimited ensembles.

* Students generally enrol in 30 minutes lessons.

* Students enrol in extended lessons to prepare for music exams or more advanced students requiring longer lessons.

4.2 Other Costs

4.2.1 Packs

Type of Pack	Cost	Details
Percussion Packs	All Percussionists are expected to purchase the Mallet Pack and purchase or hire the Home Practice Pack	
Mallet Pack	\$250 (approx.)	Includes stick bag with mallets for Timpani, Glockenspiel, Xylophone and Marimba.
Home Practice Pack	\$510 (approx.)	Includes Xylophone 2.5 octaves and stand and a Snare Drum practice pad and stand.
Clarinet Starter Pack	\$55	Includes technical workbook, diary, 4 reeds and a reed holder.

4.2.2 Instrument Hire

A large range of instruments are available from the school for hire. Instruments and hire periods are categorised below. The school services instruments regularly to ensure they are in good working order. Hire periods may be adjusted under extenuating circumstances and in these instances, parents should contact the Director of Music.

The cost to hire an instrument from Hillbrook is: \$260 annual / \$65 per term

Students are responsible for the care of any instruments in their possession.

Instruments are categorised as follows:

Category	Hire period	Instruments
1	12 months maximum hire	Flute, Bb Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone Violin, Percussion Home Practice Pack
2	24 months maximum hire	Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone Bass Trombone, Cello, Viola
3	Permanent hire (until student leaves Year 12)	Piccolo, Baritone Saxophone, French Horn Tuba, Double Bass, Bassoon, Euphonium, Oboe

4.2.3 Sheet Music

Due to copyright rules, students will need to purchase individual sheet music, AMEB books, etc as required by their music teacher. The cost of sheet music will be approximately \$60/term. All ensemble music and a music folder are supplied by the Music Department and included in the Music Program Fee.

4.2.4 Accessories

Students will be expected to purchase the necessary accessories associated with learning an instrument and keeping it in good condition, for example (reeds, valve oil, strings, etc).

The Music Department has replacement reeds for the clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone available for purchase by students. The costs of these accessories vary for different instruments and will be charged to your parent account in the next billing cycle.

More information can be obtained about specific instruments by contacting the Music Department.


4.2.5 Uniform

All Music students will be required to purchase the [Music Polo Shirt](#) online from the uniform shop for \$36.00. Full uniform details in Section 4.

5 PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLES AT HILLBROOK

Playing with other musicians is an integral part of musical development. All students who are having lessons are strongly encouraged to be involved in ensembles. It is expected that any student who is in an ensemble will be taking instrumental lessons with a recognised instrumental teacher, either here at Hillbrook or externally.

Informal auditions may be necessary to ensure students are placed in appropriate ensembles. This will involve students preparing a set work to be performed to the relevant instrumental teacher or ensemble director.



5.1 Co-Curricular Ensembles

Junior/Intermediate Ensembles	Conductor	Instruments Involved
Concert Band (Junior)	David Jones	Woodwind, Brass, Percussion
Wind Ensemble (Intermediate)	David Jones	Woodwind, Brass, Percussion
Stage Band	David Jones	Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Piano, Bass, Drums, Guitar
Synergy Strings (Junior)	Tuuli Rantanen	Violins, Violas, Cellos, Double Basses
Intermediate String Ens.	Tuuli Rantanen	Violins, Violas, Cellos, Double Basses
Guitar Ensembles (Junior & Intermediate)	Nick Lavers	Acoustic Guitar
Brass Bands	Neil Favell	All Brass instruments & Percussion
Clarinet Ensembles	Paula Gresham	Clarinet, Bass Clarinet
Flute Ensemble (Junior)	Margie Cottrell	Flutes
Bassoon Ensemble	Nicole Tait	Bassoon
Percussion Ensemble (Intermediate)	Grace Weaver	Percussion
Hillbrook Trebles	Lou Wall	Years 7-9 + unchanged Male Voices
Hillbrook Vox	Lou Wall	Years 10-12 + changed Male Voices

Senior/ Advanced Ensembles	Conductor	Instruments Involved
Wind Symphony	David Jones	Woodwind, Brass, Percussion
Big Band	David Jones	Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Piano, Bass, Drums, Guitar
Jazz Band	Nick Lavers	Saxophones, Clarinet, Flute, Trumpets, Trombones, Piano, Bass, Drums, Guitar
Senior Strings	Grace Weaver	Violins, Violas, Cellos, Double Basses
String Quartet	Tuuli Rantanen	2 x Violins, Viola, Cello
Senior Guitar Ensemble	Nick Lavers	Acoustic Guitar
Senior Percussion Ensemble	Grace Weaver	Percussion
Studio Band	Nick Lavers/Bernadette Debattista	Voice and instrumental students
Clarinet Ensembles	Paula Gresham	Clarinet, Bass Clarinet
Senior Flute Ensemble	Margie Cottrell	Flutes
Hillbrook Brass	Neil Favell	All Brass instruments & Percussion

6 UNIFORM

6.1 Guidelines

Presentation is an important part of any performance act. The Hillbrook Music uniform is as follows:

- Hillbrook Music black polo shirt (available at the [Uniform Shop](#))
- Long black trousers/pants (no leggings, tracksuit pants, drama blacks or jeans) – available at Lowes, Kmart, Target, or Big W
- Black socks
- Black school shoes

6.2 Dress Code for Music Concerts

Weekday after school concerts:	School uniform worn on the day
Weekend concerts:	Music Polo shirt, black pants, black socks, and black school shoes
Chamber Music concerts:	Music Performance uniform or Formal school uniform as advised.
Solo Performances:	Smart casual suitable for performance
Celebration Evening:	Smart attire suitable for occasion

7 PARENTS AND FRIENDS INVOLVEMENT

7.1 Music Concert Volunteers

Each Term we hold concerts in our Performing Arts Complex, the Tree of Life Chapel or in the Forecourt to showcase our instrumental and vocal students. From time to time, we may ask for volunteers and will communicate with families if the need arises.

7.2 Role of Parents

Parents play an important role in the musical development of their children. Although most responsibilities fall with the teachers and students themselves, there are a number of important roles that parents can play, such as:

- Supporting your child in their home practice through the provision of a time and place to practise.

- Encouraging your child to accept responsibility for being organised. They should be encouraged to plan ahead and notify the Music department, individual teachers, and ensemble directors of any conflicts to their schedule.
- Demonstrate an interest in the achievements made by your child even though they may seem small.
- Attend their performances and concerts.
- Advise the Director of Music of any problems your child may be experiencing.
- Encourage your child to listen to artists that play their instrument.

7.3 The Hillbrook Chorale

The Hillbrook Chorale is a community choir made up of past students, parents, friends, and other members of the local community. The Chorale rehearses each Monday evening in the Tree of Life Chapel at Hillbrook from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and is conducted by Joshua Clifford. New members are always welcome.

If you are interested in joining or require more information, please contact the Chorale at hillbrookchorale@hotmail.com

8 EXTERNAL MUSIC STUDIES PROGRAM

The external music studies program provides an opportunity for students who are not yet attending Hillbrook to have access to our highly qualified instrumental music staff.

Students are invited to attend lessons at Hillbrook, outside of their regular school hours for one 30-minute lesson per week.

The fees for this program are the same as the internal program outlined in Section 3.1, however they include GST. The Music Program Fee is also payable to cover the administration costs of running the external program (and the GST).

Please complete the Co-curricular Music Application form [HERE](#) to apply.

9 CONTACT INFORMATION

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