



The Music Cottage

Providing individual, caring attention to all our young musicians in a happy, nurturing environment

Cello, Flute, Piano, Viola, Violin and Voice Programs 2018 Re-Enrolment

Fees at The Music Cottage

We believe that the music education of young children is effective, motivating and enjoyable when it involves a dynamic combination of:

- individual tuition
- group tuition
- social ensemble playing
- development of aural and singing skills
- music notation, analysis and history
- parent support
- informal and formal solo performance
- group music events

With this in mind, our half-yearly fee covers all of the above aspects of a comprehensive music program. We also know the value of having an excited 'support crew' in attendance when performing, so we are committed to covering all our concert costs with the fees, so that our families can enjoy free unlimited admission for relatives and friends to all our concerts.

Length of weekly lesson	20 minutes	30 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes	50 minutes	60 minutes	90 minutes
Fee for whole of 2018	\$2490	\$3290	\$4190	\$4590	\$4990	\$5790	\$8190
Or eleven payments of	\$226.36	\$299.09	\$380.91	\$417.27	\$453.64	\$526.36	\$744.55

Your fee includes all the following:

Weekly Individual Lessons

Your fee covers eight lessons in Term 1, eleven lessons in Term 2, ten lessons in Term 3 and nine lessons in Term 4.

Friday Group Program

In 2018, group lessons will be at Firbank Grammar School, Brighton, between 4pm and 7pm. Exact start/finish times vary throughout the year to suit students' needs.

The program for preschool and prep aged students will include instrument-specific group lessons and musicianship classes which will focus on singing and aural skills, plus an introduction to music literacy skills.

The program for students from Year 1 to VCE will include instrument-specific group lessons to develop technique, as well as sessions developing ensemble/orchestra, musicianship, music reading, theory and aural skills. We will also continue to introduce the students to a wide variety of musical styles.

Concerts

Solo Concerts will run in Term 1 and Term 3. These concerts are open to all students of all standards.

Group Concerts will run in Term 2 and Term 4. These concerts also include all students of all standards, and will again incorporate a combination of instrument-specific items and ensembles/orchestras.

Advanced Students' Recitals will run in Term 1 and Term 3. These concerts will incorporate solo, group and ensemble performances by advanced students, plus teacher performances.

2018 at The Music Cottage

Lessons and Friday Groups will run on all dates shaded pink on the calendar, including any public holidays.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7
Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14
Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21
Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28
Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4
Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11
Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18
Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25
Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4
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Apr 2 Easter	Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8
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Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29
Apr 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6
May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13
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May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27
May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	Jun 1	Jun 2	Jun 3
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Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30	Jul 1
Jul 2	Jul 3	Jul 4	Jul 5	Jul 6	Jul 7	Jul 8
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Jul 16	Jul 17	Jul 18	Jul 19	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22
Jul 23	Jul 24	Jul 25	Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29
Jul 30	Jul 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5
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2018 Conditions of Enrolment

By enrolling at The Music Cottage, you are agreeing to images and videos of classes and concerts being used on our website, in promotional material and for teacher training purposes.

Your Enrolment

Enrolments are for the **whole calendar year**. Fees are due and payable in advance. If you wish to divide your fee into three, six or eleven instalments, this may be done by credit card. The first instalment is processed at the time of enrolment and we will charge your card for the remaining instalments on the appropriate dates.

Our Refund Policy: Our music teachers have the right to expect a steady income for each teaching week of the year. We do not require our teachers to accept a pay cut if a student misses one or more lessons, regardless of the reason. Therefore, no reduction in fees is possible.

Discontinuing Lessons: Considering the necessary forward-planning, and in line with other educational institutions, **one full term's notice** must be given (or a term's fees paid in lieu of notice). Notice must be sent to admin@themusiccottage.com.au **before** the start of the preceding term. The remaining payments will then be adjusted or a refund paid, whichever applies.

Your Individual Lessons

Please ensure your child's hands are clean, instrumentalists' fingernails are trimmed and so on. We prefer that food is not brought into teaching rooms.

Supervision: Remember that your child must be supervised at all times while at The Music Cottage.

Absences: To get the most out of any program, students must attend lessons regularly. Consistent attendance leads to happy and steady progress. We expect that you will give music lessons a high priority in your diary.

Please communicate directly with your teacher regarding absences. On the day, a quick SMS is the best way to send apologies. If someone else has cancelled, your teacher may be able to offer you their timeslot. But of course, this is not always possible, and should never be expected. It is, of course, completely unreasonable to expect your teacher to work extra time outside their normal schedule to make up lessons you have missed.

Injuries: If your child has an injury (eg sprained wrist) and can't play their instrument but is otherwise in good spirits, please do bring them to their lesson. Your teacher will find something to work on!

Our Make-up Lesson Policy: We do not require our teachers to work extra hours to make up lessons which students have missed for any reason. If, however, the teacher has cancelled, he/she will communicate directly with you to organise a mutually convenient time for a replacement lesson.

Your Group Lessons

Students in Year 4 and older may be signed in and out. Students in Year 3 and younger must have a responsible adult on site at all times whilst at group lesson and concert venues. Please arrange for other parents to help where needed, eg taking the child to the toilet, and ensure your child knows who to ask for help. Siblings must be adequately supervised and remain in the sight of their responsible adult at all times. The Music Cottage takes no responsibility for supervising children outside their class.

Group lessons are an important part of the program. Please do everything you can to enable your child to attend the Friday group lessons.

All children participating in any class **must be enrolled as students of that program**.

Thank you for your enrolment at The Music Cottage. Please keep this document for your reference.