

The Music Cottage

2019 – Early Childhood Group Music Programs

We are offering the following programs for children aged 0-5 in 2019. There is some overlap in age groups, so please call or email us if you are unsure which program will best suit your child.

Newborn	3 mths	6 mths	9 mths	12 mths	15 mths	18 mths	21 mths	2 yrs	2 ¼ yrs	2 ½ yrs	2 ¾ yrs	3 yrs	3 ¼ yrs	3 ½ yrs	3 ¾ yrs	4 yrs	4 ¼ yrs	4 ½ yrs	4 ¾ yrs	5 yrs +
‘Baby & Me’																				
‘Music for Little Ones’																				
‘Family Music Class’																				
												‘Music for Preschoolers’								
												‘Suzuki Songbirds’								
															‘First Steps’					
												Suzuki instrumental lessons								

‘Baby & Me’

CD pack \$50

A 30-minute weekly music class specifically designed for newborn babies who are not yet sitting up. A one-off charge of \$50 for the CD pack applies (*Music for Little Ones* and *Lullabies for Little Ones* plus book).

‘Music for Little Ones’

A 50-minute weekly general music class taught by two teachers. Skills are developed through nursery rhymes, speech patterns, action songs, finger play, circle songs, story telling and other musical activities. All children have several opportunities in each class to play various percussion instruments. Babies under 6 months can be enrolled in this program free of charge. A one-off \$50 charge for the CD pack (*Music for Little Ones* and *Lullabies for Little Ones* plus book) applies for families who do not yet own these CDs.

‘Family Music Class’

A 30-minute semi-private music class designed for families who have a preschool aged child and a younger child who they wish to bring together. The fee includes both children attending and only two families will be enrolled in each class. The curriculum is varied to match the ages and needs of the children enrolled in this class, drawing on the ‘Music for Little Ones’ and ‘Music for Preschoolers’ repertoire. A one-off \$25 charge for the Program CD (*Four Little Engines*) applies. Classes will be scheduled to suit the preference of the families enrolling.

‘Suzuki Songbirds’

A 45-minute weekly singing class following the Suzuki Voice curriculum, with Suzuki Voice teacher Penny Adeney. For children who have turned 2¾ and over. Vocal skills are developed through vocalisation, movement, and listening activities. Enrolment includes participation in our concerts plus unlimited audience attendance. A one-off \$30 charge applies for the Program Pack (Suzuki Voice Volume 1 CD and book).

‘Music for Preschoolers’

A 50-minute weekly general music class. For children who have turned 2¾ and over. Skills are developed through movement and classical music listening activities as well as playing percussion instruments. Enrolment includes participation in our concerts plus unlimited audience attendance. A one-off \$30 charge applies for the Program CD Pack (*Four Little Engines* CD, scrapbook and bag).

‘First Steps’ – a Suzuki transition program

A 50-minute weekly music class for children aged 4 to 5 years. Ideally suited to children who have spent time in our ‘Music for Preschoolers’ program. ‘First Steps’ provides a solid foundation for moving on to instrumental lessons when the parent and child wish to do so. The curriculum introduces singing in solfege and the beginnings of ear training and music literacy, expanding on musical concepts such as beat, rhythm and pitch. Enrolment includes participation in our concerts plus unlimited audience attendance. A one-off \$30 charge applies for Program CD pack (*Four Little Engines* CD, scrapbook and bag.)

Suzuki Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Piano, Viola, Violin, Voice Programs

If you are interested in this program, please request the information pack.

Class schedule - 2019

	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
9.10am	little ones	preschoolers	little ones		little ones	first steps
10.00am	little ones	little ones	little ones	little ones	preschoolers	little ones
10.50am	preschoolers	preschoolers	preschoolers	preschoolers		preschoolers
11.00am					little ones	
11.45am			baby & me	first steps		
12.00pm	first steps					

*Please note Family Music Classes will be scheduled according to preferences of the families enrolling.

Conditions of Enrolment 2019 - Early Childhood Group Music Programs

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

Enrolment is for one term at a time. Fees are due and payable in advance and no refunds or cancellations are possible.

Term Dates

Term 1 February 4 to April 6

Term 2 April 26 to June 29. Please note there will be NO CLASSES on public holidays in Term 2.

Term 3 July 15 to September 21

Term 4 October 7 to December 17. Please note there will be NO CLASSES November 3 and 4 due to Melbourne Cup.

Missed Classes

Please let us know (by email or phone) in advance if you will be absent from a class. If you miss a class for any reason, you are not entitled to a reduction in fees. However, you are welcome to arrange to attend a class on a different day to 'make up' for the one you missed. **It is absolutely necessary that you make an appointment for a 'make up' class.** Lessons must be made up while the child's enrolment is current, and make up classes cannot be used in lieu of enrolment.

**It is important to us that every child has a happy, positive experience at The Music Cottage.
The following are ways you can help make this possible.**

- 🎵 Please leave food, drink, toys and other distractions outside the classroom. (In the case of toys, etc, it is best they stay at home to avoid tearful separations at the car door or classroom door!)
- 🎵 Remember that your child must be supervised at all times while at The Music Cottage.
- 🎵 All children attending **must be enrolled as students** at The Music Cottage. Babies under 6 months of age may be enrolled in 'Music for Little Ones', 'Family Class' or 'Baby and Me' classes free of charge.
- 🎵 Every child has the right to their parent or caregiver's full attention during the class. Please **do not** bring along 'extra' children. If your babysitter cancels, please arrange to attend an alternative class.
- 🎵 If your child becomes upset or disruptive during a class, we suggest you take him/her out into the foyer for a moment until they have a chance to calm down. If you are not sure if your child's behaviour is problematic, please check with a teacher.
- 🎵 A calm and quiet environment is important for your child's learning. Please avoid giving your child frequent verbal instructions; rather, allow them space to observe and listen.
- 🎵 Some of the things we do in class are non-verbal, to encourage auditory awareness and observation skills. Please avoid the temptation to translate into words or commentate on what's happening.
- 🎵 Please remember that parents chatting (even quietly) during or between activities is very distracting for the children, teachers and other parents.

Thank you for entrusting your child's music education to The Music Cottage.