

STRING INSTRUMENT TUITION INFORMATION 2012

Private tuition is available at Artarmon Public School for the Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass.

Lessons are 30 minutes duration and are generally held during school hours.

Generally most children who are interested in learning a string instrument are able to do so. However there are situations where some children have not yet developed the specific coordination required to play a string instrument. If a student applies to learn a string instrument at Artarmon Public School he/she will be assessed by one of the private tutors to ascertain suitability to a string instrument prior to being allocated a tutor and the payment of any fees.

Cost of tuition

The current cost of private tuition is approximately **\$34 per 30 minute lesson**, however, tuition fees are set by each tutor so the fees may vary slightly.

Instrument Hire

String instruments come in varying sizes to suit the size of the student. For example, an 8 year old student may only require a ¼ size violin or cello whereas a 10 year old student may require a ½ size violin or cello. String instruments in various sizes are available for hire through the String Group Committee. The cost of hiring an instrument through the String Group Committee is:

Violin/Viola: **\$160 per year**

Cello/Double Bass: **\$200 per year**

Instrument hire fees are invoiced in 2 instalments, the first invoice will be sent in Term 1 and the second invoice in Term 3.

String instruments are expensive to buy and costly to repair. Accordingly, a **\$100 bond** for instrument hire is payable when the instrument is first hired. The bond is refunded when the instrument is returned without damage.

String Group

It is expected that children learning a string instrument through the school will join the String Group once they have reached a sufficient standard. Please read the String Group Information Sheet to understand the costs and commitments required for members of the String Group.

For further information or to request an Application Form for String Instrument Tuition please contact Adrienne Byrne by emailing artarmonstringgroup@gmail.com

STRING GROUP INFORMATION 2012

The String Group plays a large part in the musical life of Artarmon Public School.

Currently there are approximately 45 children involved in the program with most students playing in one of two ensembles (the Junior Strings or the Senior Strings) under the String Group Director, Adrian Mansukhani.

All students in the String Group have a weekly private lesson either with one of the professional tutors at school or a tutor outside of school.

Junior Strings

The Junior Strings is for students who have just begun to learn a string instrument. It usually takes a term or 2 of lessons to master the basics of a string instrument and the tutors will recommend the appropriate time for students to start in the Junior Strings.

The Junior Strings meets for rehearsal **every Thursday morning at 8am in the School Hall.**

The **cost of participation** in the Junior Strings is **\$240 per year** (invoiced as \$120 in Term 1 and Term 3)

Senior Strings

The Senior Strings is for the more advanced players. Students have generally been learning for at least a year before progressing to this ensemble.

The Senior Strings meets for rehearsal **every Tuesday afternoon from 3pm until 4pm in the school Band Room.**

The **cost of participation** in the Senior Strings is **\$280 per year** (invoiced in Term 1).

A group of students is selected from the Senior Strings each year to perform in a combined schools concert at the Sydney Opera House. The students selected are required to attend additional weekly rehearsals in terms 2 and 3 in the lead up to the Opera House performance. The selected students are required to pay an **additional \$55** to cover the costs of the additional rehearsals and the Opera House performance.

Performances

Junior Strings and Senior Strings both participate in performances at school including at Assemblies, Education Week, Orientation days and the school Carols by Candlelight. In addition, the String Group participates in performances outside of school. The performance calendar varies from year to year.

String Group Commitments for parents

The String Group is run entirely by a group of parent volunteers headed by Adrienne Byrne. Adrienne Byrne is the convenor of the Senior Strings and Mary McCarthy is the convenor of the Junior Strings.

The String Group needs parental help in order for things to run smoothly and to give the greatest opportunities to the students.

If your child is a part of the String Group you will be expected to help. All parents must assist with the supervision of String Group rehearsal at least once each term. A roster will be issued at the start of each term allocating supervision dates for each family for that term.

The String Group **always** needs more help. Parents will be asked to assist with various activities through out the year, however, if you have any capacity to take on a larger role within the String Group please contact Adrienne Byrne by emailing:

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