



OUT OF SCHOOL MUSIC TUITION

Taradale Intermediate offers pupils the opportunity to learn a variety of instruments through the school. Tuition takes place out of school hours on the following instruments: Keyboard, Violin, Flute, Clarinet, Guitar, Drums and Saxophone.

This notice is intended as an early guide to opportunities and costs, for you to think about over the Christmas holidays. No commitment is necessary at this stage. A return slip will be given to each student at the beginning of the 2012 year to complete if you are interested in having your child take up this opportunity. As our lessons start mid February, the decision will need to be made early. Please look out for the notice on the first day of school next year.

The tuition costs for 2011 was \$220 for the full year. Costs for 2012 are expected to be at a similar level. Payment is required in full at the beginning of the year due to contract commitments with our tutors.

The school has a limited number of instruments for hire on a first-in, first-served basis:

School instrument hire fees are as follows:

- Violin \$50.00 per year
- Clarinet or Flute \$80.00 per year
- Saxophone \$100.00 per year
- Guitar \$50.00 per year

We expect pupils to complete the full year of tuition and refunds will be given only in exceptional circumstances (eg: leaving the school). We appreciate that a year is a long commitment to make to a new instrument, however we secure tutors based on numbers in February. Commitment is therefore essential. Non attendance at lessons is simply that, and will not warrant a refund. Sport commitments, loss of interest or being 'too busy' are not considered special circumstances.

Please Note:

- Lessons in each instrument area will only go ahead if there are sufficient numbers of students.
- All lessons are small group situations.
- Guitar students are required to have a full size acoustic guitar with nylon strings.
- Class sizes and group numbers are restricted for some lessons - enrollments will be on a first in, first served basis.
- Most tutors require students to purchase a song book to work through. This cost is in addition to the tuition fees.
- Drum classes: Pupils do not require their own drum kit but will need to purchase their own sticks and practice pads.
- Lesson times are **not negotiable** as students will be placed in the group that suits their ability. Guitar lessons are early in the mornings, from 7.30am. Other instruments could be as late as a 5.30pm finish.
- Lessons days/times have not yet been confirmed for 2012. I cannot guarantee that lessons will remain the same as this year, but 2011 lesson days are:
Drums: Monday after school
Flute: Friday mornings (during school hours)
Guitar: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings (before school)
Clarinet and Saxophone: Tuesday after school
Keyboard: Tuesday and Thursday after school
Violin: Thursday after school

Any questions you may have before next year, please feel free to contact me on leahb@taradaleint.school.nz and I will try to help!

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