



MARIST COLLEGE

Itinerant Music Programme



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Itinerant Music lessons are offered across the country and are a government subsidised programme intended to prepare students for NCEA Music. Itinerant Music lessons are taught by highly qualified specialist music teachers who visit the school on a weekly basis. Here at Marist the lessons are held during the school day and occur at the same scheduled lesson time each week.

The instruments currently on offer:

- Bass Guitar
- Clarinet
- Drums
- Flute
- Guitar
- Piano
- Saxophone
- Violin
- Voice

The lessons are 30 minutes long and taught in small groups, as well as individually, dependent on age and instrument. There is an expectation for the students who take part in the programme to contribute to the school's extracurricular groups such as Choir, String Ensemble, Jazz Band or other organised school music groups. A serious level of commitment is expected from the students taking the lessons. This includes regular attendance to the lessons and daily practice (at least 15 minutes a day) at home.

Playing an instrument requires patience, love and support at home.

All beginners are encouraged to persevere with their instrument learning for at least two terms.

At the end of this document, you will find the link to apply for our ITM music programme. It is important to read through this document before you start your application.

Allocation of classes:

When allocating classes priority is given to:

- Year 10-13 students who have selected music as an option subject
- Students who contribute significantly to extra-curricular music opportunities offered at the college

All new applicants who do not meet the above criteria are allocated lessons on a first come first serve basis.

In most cases, lessons for junior students (Year 7-9) are done in small groups, whereas senior lessons are more commonly done individually or in pairs. Once classes are allocated, we are unable to shift students between instruments due to the allocation of funding and time given to each itinerant teacher.

When filling out the application form, students can select a preferred instrument as well as a second instrument. If they do not meet the priority criteria and lessons fill up, it is likely that they will be allocated a spot in their second instrument. If a student has no interest in an alternative instrument, please select the same instrument twice. However, please be aware this will not guarantee them a place for this instrument

If you miss out on lessons due to high application numbers, you will be put on a wait list and may be offered a place in the event that a space opens up for the chosen instrument.

Costs:

There is an annual cost of \$275 for lessons, which is non-refundable. This does not cover instrument hire or other resources required for lessons.

Year 13 students who take Music are, if capacity allows, able to take a second instrument. In this case the annual cost of lessons for the second instrument is charged at \$125. This is also non-refundable.

Due to the funding allocation,

- The \$275 fee for Year 7-9 students is compulsory and will be invoiced to you.
- The \$275 fee for Year 10-13 non-music students is compulsory and will be invoiced to you.
- The \$250 fee for Year 10-13 students taking music as an option is a donation.

If you apply for ITM lessons and choose to withdraw

- After being offered a place, but before lessons start you will be charged an admin fee of \$100.
- At any point in the year after lessons have begun, you will not be refunded the cost of tuition.

Instrument Hire:

Marist College has a limited number of instruments that can be hired for the duration of the school year. If you are interested in hiring a school instrument, please contact performingarts@maristcollege.school.nz as soon as you are offered a place in the Itinerant Music Programme. There is a loan fee of \$150 for any school instruments.

Alternatively, instruments can be hired from shops such as Music Works or KBB.

Application Process:

Itinerant music is advertised from the start of Term 3 via the school newsletter, student notices and performing arts notice board.

Applications Open: Start of Week 7, Term 3

Applications Close: End of Week 1, Term 4

Once applications close, the Performing Arts Co-ordinator begins to allocate classes. Places will be offered to students by the end of the current school year.

When filling out the application form, students can select a preferred instrument as well as a second instrument. If they do not meet the priority criteria and lessons fill up, it is likely that they will be allocated a spot in their second instrument. If a student has no interest in an alternative instrument, please select the same instrument twice. However, please be aware this will not guarantee them a place for this instrument.

Late applications will not be taken into consideration in the initial allocation of classes, however, may be added to a wait list and may be offered a place in the event of a space opening up in the chosen instrument. Wait listed applicants who met the application deadline will be given priority.

Frequently asked questions:

Can I request specific times for my daughter's lessons?

No. ITM teachers teach across multiple schools in Auckland and have limited time while here in school.

Can I change my instrument part way through the year?

No. Classes and funding are fully allocated for the year and cannot be adjusted.

Can I get a refund if my daughter misses a lesson due to illness or other circumstance?

No. The \$250 fee is non-refundable due to the ITM teacher still needing to be paid for lessons that students may miss due to illness. The same goes for lessons where the teacher takes sick leave.

Can I learn two instruments?

We offer this option to Year 13 music students only. This is dependent on the availability of their two chosen instruments.

What costs are involved?

Aside from annual \$250 fee/donation, if you do not own the instrument, instrument hire would be recommended and can be done via the school or some music shops dependent on availability. There may be the need to purchase music or exercise books dependant on the teacher's requirements.

Am I able to apply late, after the registration date has passed?

If you submit an application after the closing date you will not be considered in the initial allocation of classes. You will be put on the wait list. However, it is highly unlikely that a space will open up in the duration of the year with priority going to waitlisted applicants who meet the deadline.

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Terms and Conditions

You will need to read and agree to the terms in the below Itinerant Music Programme Policy. The information below outlines the main points of the policy of Itinerant Music at Marist College:

- 1) This online application form for enrolment in the programme should be filled out and submitted by the due date.
- 2) All existing music students must apply **again** for their lessons and will be given priorities in the class enrolments according to these criteria: Music Option Students - Students who contribute significantly to the wider life of the school on their instrument - All new students will be given a space on a first come first serve basis.
- 3) While we endeavour to provide lessons for all those interested in learning, we may have a short fall in the hours available, and we may have to **wait list** some students. Your daughter may be offered to study a different instrument of her second choice, should a place for that instrument come available.
- 4) **The yearly fee of \$275, non-refundable**, is to cover music purchase, photocopying and administration costs. It is to be paid by the end of Term 1, Week 3 when lessons begin. ***For Music Option students, this fee is a donation only.***
- 5) A Year 13 student in the **second year of their tuition**, can learn 2 instruments if places are available. For a second instrument the fee will be half that of the first instrument.
- 6) Lessons are given by highly qualified itinerant music teachers who visit the school on a weekly basis. The lessons are held during the school day and school term with the **same lesson time each week**.
- 7) It is the student/parent obligation to inform the teacher and performingarts@maristcollege.school.nz of forthcoming or current absences. **In case of 3 absences in a row without explanation, the student's participation in the programme will be discontinued.**
- 8) Lessons may be in small groups and will be grouped accordingly by level. The length of the lesson will depend on the number of students in the lesson (e.g. private lessons may be 20-30 minutes and group lessons 30-40 minutes).
- 9) Students who do not own an instrument will need to rent their instrument through **KBB Music or alternative provider**. Occasionally we can provide an instrument to rent through the school – contact performingarts@maristcollege.school.nz to see whether this is possible.

- 10) A serious level of commitment is expected from students taking itinerant lessons. This includes regular attendance to lessons and **daily** (at least 15 min) practice at home. Please encourage your daughter and help her establish a practice routine. Playing an instrument requires patience, love and support at home. All beginners are encouraged to persevere with their instrument **learning for at least two terms**.
- 11) All students who have had at least 1 year tuition in their instrument must join one (or more) of the extra-curricular music groups. To prioritise Music option students, the students from Year 9-13 who are in the programme but not in a music option class or an extra-curricular group, will be encouraged to seek tuition outside of school.

[Link to application form is here](#)

