



TAURANGA GIRLS' COLLEGE

empowering tomorrow's women

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tauranga Girls' College offers an extensive range of musical activities including instrumental lessons. Some of these lessons are free. In this newsletter the free lessons are referred to as Itinerant Music lessons. Some of the lessons are provided by private practitioners and are subsidised but not fully funded by the school. These are referred to as Private Music lessons and they **are not** free.

Students from any level may apply for a place in any of these classes.

FREE Itinerant Music Lessons

All of the "Itinerant Lessons" are taught during class time on a rotating timetable. Students come out of their timetabled subject classes for half an hour per week. Because the timetable rotates, they will miss a total of 3 hours per subject each year to attend these lessons. Lessons begin in February and finish in November.

Here is a list of all the instruments that are taught at the College for free:

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| ➤ Flute | ➤ Trumpet | ➤ Alto sax | ➤ Double bass |
| ➤ Oboe | ➤ Trombone | ➤ Tenor sax | ➤ <u>Beginner</u> Keyboard |
| ➤ Clarinet | ➤ French horn | ➤ Baritone sax | ➤ Drums |
| ➤ Bass clarinet | ➤ Tuba | ➤ Violin | ➤ Guitar |
| ➤ Bassoon | ➤ Tenor horn | ➤ Viola | ➤ Bass guitar |
| ➤ Piccolo | ➤ Baritone horn | ➤ 'Cello | |

The College pays for each students tuition fee (approx \$1000 per student per year) and provides all of the resources the students will need to practice. Because the school is outlaying so much money, the students do have some obligations if they choose to enrol in these classes.

These obligations are:

- To attend all scheduled lessons **from February through to November** unless the student is ill, on an official school trip, has a scheduled internal assessment or is absent due to a bereavement.
- To advise the College in advance or on the day if they are unable to attend a lesson for any reason. This can be done by:
 - phoning the college office and leaving a message for Miss Geor **or**
 - emailing the absence to sgeor@tgc.school.nz **or**
 - filling in an absence form and putting it in the brown box in the Music Dept foyer.Absence forms are available in the Music Dept foyer.
- To rehearse the set music between lessons.
- To bring her instrument and music to each lesson.
- To catch up on any subject work that is missed.
- To leave and return to subject classes in a timely manner.

Please note:

If your daughter misses her music lesson and does not advise the College of her absence prior to or on the day of her absence **or** if she chooses to absent herself from her scheduled music lesson for reasons other than illness, a school trip, an internal assessment or bereavement, a fee of \$15 will be applied and her lessons will stop until such time as the fee is paid.

Students learning through the College Itinerant Music programme must not be receiving tuition in the instrument they have elected to learn at school from any other provider.

All of the instrumental lessons are taught in a small group situation. The cost of tuition is covered by the College. A non-refundable materials fee of \$20.00 per year applies. This covers the cost of rehearsal CD's, photocopying etc that the students will keep.

Private Music Lessons

These lessons **are not free**. The private music lessons cater for students who

- want to learn instruments such as piano and singing that by nature are more successfully taught individually
- have been learning their instrument for a number of year
- want to pursue music as a profession or serious recreational pursuit
- intend to study for external examinations eg Trinity College, Royal Schools of Music, NZMEB music exams

The cost of Private Lessons is not fully funded by the College and lessons cost between \$25 and \$35 per lesson depending on the instrument. Private lessons are available for students who want to learn the piano or singing and some lessons are available in the other instruments listed above as well. Most of the private lessons are held at interval, lunch break, before school or after school. Some are scheduled during curriculum classes and rotate from week to week.

The student's obligations are the same as those for the free Itinerant lessons except that the students need to contact their private teacher directly if they are unable to attend their lesson.

Enrolment Procedures

If your daughter would like to take advantage of any of these lessons, please sign the attached enrolment/contract form and ask your daughter to bring it to the Itinerant Music meeting which will be held on **Monday 05 February at 8.40am in the College hall.**

The application will be processed and if she is successful in gaining a place in the classes, her name will appear on the timetables posted on the M6 notice board. Any students who we cannot fit into classes will automatically be placed on a waiting list and Miss Geor will contact them if a place becomes available later in the year.

Once her application form has been handed in she then needs to:

- a) Check the M6 notice board the next day to see if she has been allocated a lesson slot
Attend her first lesson **with** her instrument. (Guitars, drums, keyboards and bass guitars are provided).
Lessons for singing start on Monday 12 February .
The time, date and room will be given on the timetable.
- b) The \$20.00 fee must be taken to their first music lesson and handed to their Itinerant teacher.
If there is any difficulty with making the payment by this deadline, please contact Miss Geor at the College on extension 773 or email her **before** the deadline.

Should you require any more information about the Instrumental Tuition programmes a FAQ's sheet is available from the Music Department which will provide you with answers to the most commonly asked questions. Alternatively you can email or phone Miss Geor at the College on extension 773.

Yours sincerely



Ms Tara Kanji
Principal

Itinerant Instrumental and Vocal Lesson Enrolment

Name of Student _____ Tutor Class _____

Address _____

Contact Phone Numbers: _____ (Day) _____ (Night)

Parent's email address: _____

Parent's cell phone number: _____

Student's email address: _____

Student's cell phone number: _____

1) What instrument/s do you wish to learn? The list is below.

_____ (first choice) _____ (second choice if applicable)

FREE Itinerant Music Lessons

Flute	French horn	Viola
Oboe	Tuba	'Cello
Clarinet	Tenor horn	Double bass
Bass clarinet	Baritone horn	<u>Beginner</u> Keyboard
Bassoon	Alto sax	Drums
Piccolo	Tenor sax	Guitar
Trumpet	Baritone sax	Bass guitar
Trombone	Violin	

PRIVATE Music Lessons (these cost \$25-\$35 per lesson)

Piano _____ Singing _____

Piano and singing lessons will cost between \$25 and \$35 per lesson. If you have enrolled for these classes have your parents agreed to pay this weekly fee?

Yes ☐ No ☐

2) Are you able to read music? Yes ☐ No ☐

3) Have you learned to play an instrument before? Yes ☐ No ☐

4) If yes, which instrument/s have you learned? _____

5) How long did you learn this/these instruments for? _____

6) Are you still learning them **or** when did you stop learning them? _____

7) Are you taking any of the following classes this year? (tick as appropriate)

9 Musicianship <input type="checkbox"/>	10 Musicianship <input type="checkbox"/>	11/12/13 Music <input type="checkbox"/>
9 Music <input type="checkbox"/>	10 Music <input type="checkbox"/>	11/12/13 Contemporary Music <input type="checkbox"/>

Tick any of the extra-curricular activities from the list below that you are intending to participate in this year.

Guitar Group <input type="checkbox"/>	Barbershop Chorus or Quartet <input type="checkbox"/>
Chorale, LBD's or Choir <input type="checkbox"/>	Rock bands <input type="checkbox"/>
Jazz Combo <input type="checkbox"/>	Chamber Groups <input type="checkbox"/>
Percussion Ensemble <input type="checkbox"/>	Big Band <input type="checkbox"/>
String Ensemble <input type="checkbox"/>	Symphonic Band <input type="checkbox"/>

- 8) Do you have an instrument at home to practice on? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 9) If you do not have an instrument, will your parents allow you to buy or hire one? Yes ☐ No ☐
(Please make Miss Geor aware if there is a financial difficulty with accessing an instrument. If we are able to be of help then we will gladly do so.)

The school has some instruments that may be hired. The fees for hiring them for one year are given below:

Violins \$80

Violas \$100

All other instruments \$130

Alternatively it is possible to hire instruments from the following private companies. See any of the following websites for hire prices:

www.kbbmusic.co.nz/Rentals.html

www.abi.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/2011-Hire-Form.pdf

www.rockshop.co.nz

www.baycitymusic.co.nz

www.musicplanet.co.nz

Itinerant Instrumental/Vocal Tuition Contract 2018

I have read the conditions and procedures listed in the attached newsletter and agree to fulfil these requirements.

I understand that my lessons (and rental of a school instrument where applicable) may be terminated at the discretion of the Head of the Music Department if I fail to meet these conditions, and that a fee of \$15.00 per missed lesson will be charged by the College if I am absent from lessons and do not follow the set procedure for logging in my absence.

I also understand that if my lessons are terminated I will not be entitled to a refund of the \$20.00 course fee.

I agree not to undertake tuition from any other provider of instrumental tuition while I am enrolled in this course.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: __/__/__

Signature of Parent/Caregiver: _____ Date: __/__/__

**Bring this form to the Itinerant Enrolment meeting which will be
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