



St Finbar's Primary School

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Co-Curricular String Lessons at St Finbar's Primary

At St Finbar's we offer group strings tuition to Years 3 to 6 with our own highly professional and sought after specialist teachers.

This system of group lessons gives access to the best quality tuition to the maximum number of students for the lowest possible cost. The teachers are highly qualified and experienced. The lessons will be scheduled during class time according to the availability of the teacher but with consultation and coordination with the class teacher to minimize the disruption to quality teaching time.

Experience has shown that students demonstrate more responsibility for their learning if they have their own instrument. Students are also expected to practise an instrument consistently each day in order to make progress. **It will be necessary for students to commence these additional co-curricular lessons to have their own violin or viola.** We have detailed information available from suppliers, on outright purchase and hire/buy schemes. With larger instruments, such as a cello, it may be better to pay off a quality instrument on a hire/buy program than buying a poor quality cheap instrument elsewhere.

Teaching Method: our own exclusive String Things books underpin the success of our classroom program and also our ongoing group lessons. These books link with what is taught in the classroom and also come with a quality CD with backing tracks to encourage practice at home and with Level 2, also includes both a CD with full orchestral backing tracks and a DVD with additional instructional video. Our teachers are trained and thoroughly familiar with this method and they continually link to the classroom teaching and also to our school ensembles and orchestras.

In all of our Catholic Primary Schools that have implemented the **String Things** program, we have also established orchestras and ensembles from the students that have continued in the small group lessons. The point of learning to play a musical instrument is to perform. It is a very exciting learning experience to perform with an orchestra or ensemble and learn how to make music as a team.

Yours faithfully

Ms D McFadzean
Principal



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2018 String Lessons

Cost : \$100.00 Per Term

Terms and Conditions

- Lessons are available initially in groups of 4 – 6, (minimum of 4, maximum of 6) depending on availability – on violin, viola or cello. Group lessons will cost **\$100.00** per student per term for a 30-minute lesson each week. Group lessons are often a great way to commence on an instrument and students are often motivated to learn with their friends.
- Enrolment form due **ASAP** so that classes can be allocated.
- Teachers will teach a **minimum of 8** lessons per term to allow for school excursions and public holidays. If the minimum number of 8 lessons does not occur, then the teacher will reschedule a makeup lesson the following term or the parents will receive a credit for that lesson the following term.
- Once lessons commence, if you wish to terminate lessons through the school, it is required that you give half a term's notification in writing to the school office. This is so that the organization and engagement of teachers is not disrupted to the detriment of other students in the group.

Please note we have changed our payment system for these lessons. Tuition Fees for 2018 will be added to your school fees account.

If your child decides to withdraw from this program, you will need to notify the school office before the next term lessons commence.

Ms D McFadzean
Principal
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Please complete and return the attached form to the School Office *ASAP* so that classes can be allocated.



2018 Strings Permission Form

I would like my son/daughter _____ (insert name)
to learn the (circle one)

Violin

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

In a group of 4 to 6 students

Teachers and groups will be allocated according to availability.

My son/daughter _____ does not wish to continue
Music Tuition in 2018.

By signing this form, you agree to the terms and conditions set out which include,
Tuition Fees to be added to your School Fees account and a term's notification in
writing to the school if your child wishes to withdraw from the lessons.

Your Name : _____

Signature : _____

Date : _____

Office Use Only	
Billed to School Fees Account YES / NO	Initials :