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St Finbarr's Music Program Handbook



Music Program Overview and Pricing

Lesson Type	Overview	Cost Per Term (9 Lessons)
Ukulele/Guitar Club	Ukulele Club has a maximum of 20 students and the lesson is run by 1-2 experienced music teachers. The lesson runs for 45 minutes.	\$263
Rock Band	Rock Band is for students who are already learning an instrument and would like to apply their skills within a band context. The lesson runs for 30 minutes. Suitable for Guitar, Bass Guitar, Keyboard, Vocals, Drums	\$316
Group of 4 - 30 mins	Group lessons have a maximum of 6 students. Students are sorted by ability (ukulele, guitar, voice, drums, piano)	\$316
Songwriting/ Recording Club	Students learn to write and record their own music in a group of 6 maximum.	\$316
Individual 30mins	30min individual lessons are available (suitable for students who aren't beginners in guitar, voice, drums, piano, ukulele)	\$445

All prices are GST inclusive

All prices are for 9 lessons a term - number of lessons may vary from term to term which will be reflected in pricing.

Rock bands

When students have reached a certain level on their instrument, they are invited to join rock band.

Rehearsals

Rock band rehearsals are generally held after school. Students play and rehearse together for 30 mins.

It is an expectation that students who are part of the rock bands to attend rehearsals for the year and perform at events as required.

Performances

Each year, our rock bands will have the opportunity to perform.

Instruments

It's expected that students have their own instrument. Students who play guitar & bass are expected to bring their instrument to rock band rehearsal. A drumkit and keyboard will be supplied for drummers & pianists.

Clubs

Ukulele & Guitar club are designed for beginner to intermediate students. It's a fun way to learn the foundations of music in a group context.

Lessons

Lessons fall after school on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

Performances

Each year, club students will have the opportunity to perform. This performance is done within the group together onstage.

Instruments

It is expected that students have their own instrument and they're required to bring their instrument to class.



Instrument Purchase/ Required Items

Depending on the lesson type or instrument your child is learning, you will need to purchase your child an instrument to learn on.

Piano & drum students will not be required to bring their instruments to school however they will need something to learn on at home.

Guitar & ukulele students will be required to bring their instruments to school.

We can guide you through this process if you need assistance in finding a suitable instrument.

Please find our list of required items [HERE](#)

Expectations & Commitment from students & parents

Upon acceptance, students and families form a partnership with Ready Set Rock, involving shared responsibilities:

Student Responsibilities Include:

1. Knowing lesson times each week. Staying informed about lesson schedules is vital for a seamless learning experience.
2. Bringing all equipment to each lesson (instrument, book, etc.)
3. Caring for the instrument and keeping it safe (respect property): Instilling a sense of respect for musical instruments fosters a positive learning environment.
4. Notifying the teacher if a string needs replacing in which they can assist.

Student Expectations Include:

1. Punctually attending lessons: Regular attendance is key to developing skills and progress.
2. Commitment to showcasing progress through performances is an integral part of the program.
3. Committing to the program for a minimum of a full school term: Consistency is essential for optimal musical development.
4. Regular home practice (Minimum 3-4 times per week): Building a habit of consistent practice enhances skill development.

Parent/Carer Expectations Include:

1. Providing the student with his/her own instrument
2. Providing a suitable practice area and time for the student
3. Providing encouragement and positive reinforcement of the student's progress
4. Parental support is a crucial motivator for a student's musical journey.
5. Assisting the student to meet his/her responsibilities: Collaborative efforts ensure a smooth and enriching experience for the student.

Leaving the Instrumental Music Program:

Parents/Carers wishing to withdraw their child from the program are kindly request to contact Ready Set Rock. Please note that no refunds will be provided for mid-term withdrawals.

Suspension and Exclusion from the Instrumental Music Program:

Participation in the Instrumental Music Program is a privilege, and Ready Set Rock reserves the right to exclude any student under circumstances that affect their own or their peers' learning. Exclusion may also occur if music fees are not up to date. Exclusion will only be considered after all other avenues to resolve the circumstances have been unsuccessful.



Strategies for parents to encourage students outside of lessons

At Ready Set Rock, we believe in fostering not only practice but also a spirit of playfulness when it comes to learning an instrument. This encouragement is relevant for beginners embarking on their musical journey as well as for seasoned students continuing through Year 6 and beyond.

Playing an instrument behind closed doors can sometimes feel solitary. A touch of encouragement can make a significant difference, enhancing the joy and achievement derived from the musical experience. Consider the following ideas to create a supportive musical environment at home:

1. Actively listen to your child practice: Engage in their musical world by actively listening to their practice sessions.
2. Make a comment about the progress you notice: Acknowledge their efforts and celebrate the milestones, providing positive reinforcement.
3. Show pride in their achievements and let them overhear you talking about them: Share your pride in their musical accomplishments, boosting their confidence.
4. Ask them to play for guests at home: Encourage them to share their musical talents with family and friends, fostering a sense of pride in their abilities.
5. Notice difficult sections and ask how they are played: Demonstrate interest in their learning process by discussing challenging sections and offering support.
6. Set a practice routine: Establishing a consistent practice routine helps create a sense of discipline and commitment to musical growth.

Remember, your child's Instrumental Music Educator is a valuable resource for practice strategies and tips. Feel free to reach out for guidance and support on optimising your child's musical journey.

Together, let's create an environment where musical play and practice harmoniously contribute to their growth and enjoyment



Absences from Lessons & Rehearsals

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- Parents must email admin before 8 am on the lesson day; otherwise, no make-up lesson will be granted.
- Make-up lessons are exclusively available for medical reasons, school events, teacher absences, and public holidays.
- No make-up lessons will be arranged for students absent due to family holidays during the term.
- Refunds or make-up lessons are generally not offered for missed group lessons however we do our best to include students who have missed out in any make up lessons happening in the final week or where we can but it's not guaranteed.
- Group lesson students are eligible for make-up lessons only if the Instrumental Music Educator is absent, there is a public holiday, or a school commitment/event occurs.

For more information regarding the terms & conditions of each term, please refer to the terms & conditions below, or get in contact with our administration team.

Terms & Conditions

Terms & Conditions: Individual

1. Payment:
 - Payment is required via bank transfer prior to the commencement of the first lesson.
2. Absences:
 - Parents are obligated to notify the Instrumental Music Educator of any absences at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled lesson.
 - Make-up lessons are exclusively granted for medical reasons, school events, teacher absences, and public holidays.
 - No make-up lessons will be scheduled for students absent due to family holidays, unless reasonable arrangements can be made.
3. Lesson Rescheduling:
 - Rescheduling of lessons, whether due to public holidays, illness, or other reasons, is at the discretion of Ready Set Rock and subject to negotiation with the student.
 - Missed lessons with 24 hours' notice require a make-up lesson to be arranged and completed before the end of the term. No catch-up lessons or credits will be applied to the following term. Forfeited lessons due to the student's inability to attend a rescheduled lesson will not be compensated.
4. Refunds:
 - Refunds will not be provided under any circumstances.
5. Student Responsibilities:
 - In the case of a student's absence from school and, consequently, their lesson due to a school excursion or any other event, it is the responsibility of the parent to notify Ready Set Rock in writing via email, providing 24 hours' notice.
6. Teacher Replacement:
 - In the event of a Ready Set Rock teacher's illness, they may be replaced without notice to facilitate any lesson.
7. Punctuality and Participation:
 - The student agrees to be punctual and actively participate in lessons to the best of their ability.

Terms & Conditions: Group/Rock Band/Clubs

1. Payment:
 - Payment for group lessons is required in advance for the entire term.
2. Absences:
 - No make-up lessons or refunds will be provided for students missing their group lessons.
 - Group lesson students are eligible for make-up lessons only in the event of the Instrumental Music Educator's absence, public holidays, or a school commitment/event. Ready Set Rock will communicate in advance to organise make-up lessons.
3. Teacher Replacement:
 - In the event of a Ready Set Rock teacher's illness, they may be replaced without notice to facilitate any lesson.
4. Refunds:
 - Refunds will not be provided for group lessons under any circumstances.
5. Student Responsibilities:
 - The student agrees to be punctual and actively participate in group lessons to the best of their ability.
6. Late Arrival:
 - Time lost due to a student arriving late to a group lesson will not be compensated.

