



CHRYsalis STEINER SCHOOL

educating the whole child

Chrysalis School Music Programme 2026: Fees and Conditions

Lesson fees

- **Class 3 through Class 10** – Music Tuition is provided as part of the regular termly school fees.
- **Class 3 students** receive individual instrumental string lessons throughout the year. During the first term, students will have the opportunity to try both violin and cello. After that, a collaborative decision will be made for each child based on the input from the music coordinator, teachers, students and parents. The ratio of violins to cellos will be 2:1. Students will hire an instrument from Term 2.
- **Class 4 students** continue learning strings, with Violin, Viola, Cello and String bass available.
- **Class 4 through Class 10 students** receive both individual and specialist ensemble tuition.

Instrument choice:

A collaborative decision will be made in Term 4 of the preceding year for each child based on input from the music coordinator, teachers, students, and parents.

The instrument chosen by the students is a commitment for the year, except for exceptional circumstances. We strongly recommend that students learn their chosen instrument for at least three years. Instrumental ratios apply.

Class 3 students will have the opportunity to try both Violin and Cello.

Class 4 instrumental options include Violin, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass.

Class 5 instrumental options include Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, and Marimba/Percussion.

Class 6 instrumental options include Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Marimba/Percussion/Ukulele, Guitar, Bass and Piano.

Instrumental options for Class 7 through 10 include Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Marimba/Percussion/Drum Kit/Ukulele, Guitar, Bass, Piano and Singing.

Attendance and Accountability:

Teachers keep an ongoing record of student's attendance at lessons. If a child is absent on their lesson day, for family reasons or sickness, the school is **not obliged** to make up the lessons. It should be noted that music concerts, rehearsals and in-school performances are a key component of the Music Programme.

String Family Instruments:

Violins

- **Class 3** – students are required to pay \$100 per academic year to rent a violin that is appropriately sized for their height. It is advised not to purchase a violin for your Class 3 child, as they will quickly outgrow it. However, the school will charge you for repairs or replacement if the rented instruments suffer damage beyond reasonable wear and tear. The school will cover the cost of replacement strings and general maintenance.
- **Class 4 to Class 10** – children can rent school violins. However, once they have progressed to a full-size, families will need to purchase an instrument. The School can advise brands and where to buy a new violin.

Violas

Violas are available for hire at \$120 per academic year. If a viola is damaged beyond reasonable wear and tear, a replacement fee or the cost of repairs will be charged. Viola hire will be charged to your school fees account. However, the School can advise brands and where to buy a new viola.

Cellos

Cellos are available for hire at \$160 per academic year. If the cellos are damaged beyond reasonable wear and tear, cost of repairs or a replacement fee will be charged. Cello hire will be charged to your school fees account. Alternatively, the School can advise brands and where to buy a new cello.

Double Bass

Double Bass are available for hire at \$265 per academic year. If the double bass is damaged beyond reasonable wear and tear, cost of repairs or a replacement fee will be charged. The hire will be charged to your school fees account.

Resale/upsizing of String Family instrument:

As children grow, their need for an appropriately sized string instrument change. Chrysalis will help arrange the next instrument, or advise when a full-sized instrument is required.

Percussion Family Instruments:

Marimba

Marimbas are available for hire at \$120 per academic year. If they incur any damage beyond normal wear and tear, you will be charged for repairs or replacement. Marimba hire will be charged to your school fees account. Alternatively, the School can advise brands and where to buy a new marimba.

Drums

Students learning drums must have access to a drum kit or practice pads for practice, and bring their own sticks to lessons.

Guitar and Ukulele Family Instruments:

Ukuleles

Ukuleles are available for hire at \$50 per academic year. If the ukulele is damaged beyond reasonable wear and tear, cost of repairs or a replacement fee will be charged. Ukulele hire will be charged to your school fees account. Alternatively, the School can advise brands and where to buy a new ukulele.

Guitars

Students learning guitar should bring their own instrument to school for lessons. The School can advise on where to buy a new guitar.

Piano/Keyboard:

Students who are learning to play the piano must have access to a piano or suitable keyboard for practice at home. Lessons will be held on the school's piano/keyboard.

Strings and conditions for instruments owned by students:

- All instruments, sticks, mallets, owned by students are the responsibility of the owner/family.
- Any damage or loss is the responsibility of the owner/family.
- The School recommends all stringed instruments have a spare set of strings in the case console so that tutors can assist promptly with the replacement of strings.