

2023 Instrumental Music Program



**For many students, a musical journey begins at Upwey High School
that develops into a lifelong passion.**

Playing a musical instrument is a unique and enriching experience. Students at Upwey High School enjoy the opportunity to learn a musical instrument and experience success and pleasure in learning with others. They develop musical repertoire and musical literacy through lessons, practise, ensemble rehearsal and performance, attaining technical proficiency and musical depth. Students develop historical knowledge and learn about themselves through their music practice, building self-expression. Learning music also has a range of other benefits including improving concentration, memory and self-discipline.

In 2023 the Upwey HS Music Camp will be held **Wednesday 26 April – Friday 28 April** at the **Mt Evelyn YMCA**. Students will travel by bus to Mt Evelyn on the Wednesday morning, stay two evenings and return to school on Friday afternoon. The camp provides the opportunity for students to rehearse intensely with their ensemble, partake in a variety of workshops and activities and bond with the Upwey Music community. This camp is a crucial part of our Music curriculum and we expect all Music students to attend. The camp cost will be confirmed early in 2023. Please contact the Director of Music if there are any issues around your child's involvement. Medical / Permission Form will be available early in 2023.

By joining the Instrumental Music Program students participate in weekly lessons on their chosen instrument, attend ensemble rehearsals and have many performance opportunities.

Instruments from which to choose include:

Piano
Guitar
Bass
Voice
Drums / percussion
Strings (violin / viola / cello / double bass)
Flute

Clarinet
Saxophone
Trumpet
Trombone
Tuba
French Horn

MUSIC LEVY

Enrolment in instrumental music classes consists of a flat rate of \$450.

A \$100 discount applies to students undertaking their first year of learning an instrument.

2nd Instrument special offer: If your child wishes to learn a second instrument, the program will be offered at reduced levy of \$400.

Please return the enrolment form and payment to the General Office for processing as soon as possible but no later than **Friday 11 November** to secure a place in the program.

For your child to participate in this program you will need to:

1. Choose an instrument
2. Fill in the enrolment form and return it to the General Office by Friday 11 November, 2022
3. Pay the music levy

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Enrolment is subject to the following conditions:

Tuition fees outlined within the 2023 enrolment form are levied to assist with tuition costs not covered by the Department of Education and Training. This fee is due by the dates outlined on the 2023 enrolment form and is **non-refundable**. If paying 50% of fees upon enrolment the remaining balance is due and payable by 17 February 2023 otherwise removal from lessons will apply. **Please note that our yearly fees contribute toward the cost of our Instrumental Music Teachers and are heavily subsidised by the school.**

1. As with all other subjects the student's work will be subject to reporting and assessment each semester.
2. Every student is required to be a member of at least one ensemble. Students are expected to attend weekly rehearsals (held before or after normal school hours, or at lunchtime) and play in all performances.
3. Each student must undertake a regular and consistent practise program. The Music Department asks for full parental support for the practise schedule which will be recommended by the teacher.
4. Weekly 50 minute lessons, normally in small groups, are given during school hours. Students are withdrawn from class at a time that rotates throughout the school day to avoid missing the same class each week.
5. Timetables are subject to change and whilst every effort is made to provide plenty of notice, it is the student's responsibility to check their lesson times each week.
6. Students are enrolled into a whole-school music program which is enriching and exceptional value due to part subsidy from the Department of Education and Training. As many Instrumental Music teachers are committed to several schools, they cannot make up lessons missed due to illness, public holidays and other school events.
7. Students are expected to purchase their own sundries, including, strings, tuition books, drum sticks/percussion mallets (All ensemble music is supplied by the school).
8. Parents and students must sign the authorisation and undertaking statements on the 2023 enrolment form to be enrolled in the program.
9. A letter from parents to the Director of Music must accompany any request for the cessation of study.
10. Absences are to be notified in advance whenever possible, by contacting the appropriate Instrumental Teacher or the Director of Music.
11. Students will be allocated to an ensemble after the start of Term 1 according to playing ability, instrument, and the overall structure of the Music Program and enrolments. Ensemble allocations are final but may be re-assessed at the end of Semester 1. Playing in an ensemble is a valuable aspect of learning an instrument and is a part of the curriculum of the Upwey HS Instrumental Music program. Attendance at all rehearsals and concerts is required to take part in the program.

Fee structures and payment

All fees must be paid in full or a 50% deposit payable upon enrolment. The balance to be finalised by 17 February 2023. Please complete a student payment form and include your debit/credit card details if you require us to deduct your payment automatically. **This is essential to ensure adequate staffing is arranged for 2023.**

Enrolment in the UHS Instrumental Music Program is a financial commitment for the entire year. The Instrumental Music Program is a user pays optional extra-curricular program. Funding covers payment for the instrumental teachers, the purchase of music resources, and repairs and maintenance to the school owned equipment.

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Enrolment Form - Student Details

Name: _____ Year Level (2023): _____
Address: _____
Postcode: _____
Telephone: _____ Parent or Carer Work/Mobile: _____

Please indicate your instrument preference, and your second instrument if enrolling for two classes.

- *Instrument* _____
- *Second Instrument* _____

Please tick one of the following payment options:

- ☐ **Option 1:** **Payment in full**
☐ **Option 2:** **Pay 50% deposit upon enrolment and the balance payable by 17 February 2023.**

*Please refer to School Council Parent Payment Charges and include whether you are paying in full or paying a 50% deposit upon enrolment with the balance payable by 17 February 2023.

Upwey HS Music Camp 2023:

- ☐ I will be attending and have included payment arrangements with my Parent Payment Charges

Students to sign this section please:

I wish to enrol in the Instrumental Music Program at Upwey High School.

I undertake to:

- *Practise regularly*
- *Belong to an ensemble as required and to participate in all rehearsals and performances*
- *Attend all lessons*

Signature of Student: _____

Parents/Carers please complete this section:

I would like my child to learn the above instrument/s at Upwey High School in 2023.

I declare that I have read and understood the Instrumental Music enrolment conditions and I agree for my child to abide by these conditions and to also attend the Music Camp.

I understand that I must pay the fee in full prior to classes commencing by either paying in full or paying a 50% deposit upon enrolment with a balance payable by 17 February 2023. Please complete the 2023 School Council Parent Payment Charges Form.

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____

Name of Parent/Carer: _____

**Please complete and return this form with payment to the
General Office by Friday 11 November 2022**