PARENT GUIDE

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS @ MARY'S MOUNT PS

WHAT DOES KMA DO?
KMA is based at Forrestfield Primary School and delivers instrumental lesson to over 130 students every week. We run a range of music programs including individual and shared instrumental lessons, toddler classes, and band programs. The aim of our programs is inclusiveness - for students to learn, have fun and connect with other like-minded individuals.

WHO ARE YOUR LESSONS FOR?
Our lessons are for every Mary's Mount Primary Student! Our teacher’s custom design each student’s lessons based on the individual's strengths and developmental stage.

WHAT INSTRUMENTS DO YOU TEACH?
Instruments available for the in-school instrument program are Guitar, Drums, Piano, Violin and Voice. Students are also given the opportunity to participate in a structured Rock Band Program, providing them with performance opportunities, learning to play with other, and an outlet to put all that practice into something concrete.

WHAT DO YOU TEACH IN YOUR LESSONS?
Lessons combine learning to play their instrument with fundamental aspects of music such as beat, pitch, rhythm and melody. Students are taught to develop their musical ear and skills on their instrument through the careful selection of pieces, from a range of styles from classical to contemporary pop songs. This ensures the lesson is fun, engaging and educational, all at the same time!

HOW LONG ARE THE LESSONS?
Weekly Individual and Shared Lessons are 30 minutes long – ensuring the best learning outcomes for the student while making sure the student can attend to their general class schedule with minimal interruption.

HOW MUCH ARE THE LESSONS?
Weekly Individual Lessons are $36.30 and Shared Lessons are $27.50 per lesson.

HOW DO WE ENROLL?
Enrolment is easy. Simply complete an Enrolment Form via the KMA website.

HOW LONG DO WE ENROLL FOR?
Students are enrolled for one Term, or the remainder of a Term if they enroll partway through. Lessons are conducted weekly.

HOW DOES LESSON SCHEDULING WORK?
We pride ourselves on effective and efficient communication with our parents and students. Our timetabling system schedules students with their Teacher and automatically sends courtesy reminder emails to parents the day before their child's lesson. It also sends any updates regarding lesson reschedules (e.g. due to school excursions/incursions).
KMA also considers the school’s calendar when scheduling lessons. Students will be scheduled around calendared events such as NAPLAN and Public Holidays. Parents and Students will also receive a print out of their lessons for the Term at the beginning of their enrolment. This, coupled with our professional Administration Team, will ensure seamless contact with the school, parents and students.

WHAT IF WE NEED TO RESCHEDULE A LESSON?
In the event that a student is unable to attend a lesson for any reason, we ask that parents provide a minimum of 48 hours’ notice so we can advise the Teacher and reschedule the lesson on an alternate day and/or time. For full T&C’s please refer to your Enrolment Form which can be found at our website.

I DON’T WANT MY CHILD TO MISS OUT ON THE SAME CLASS TIME EVERY WEEK. HOW DO YOU MAKE SURE HAVING LESSONS WON’T AFFECT THEIR CLASS LEARNING?
We understand and are conscious of the importance of children leaving class for instrumental lessons. To counteract this, KMA recommends a 30-minute lesson (either individual or group), once a week, to reduce time spent out of class whilst still maximizing their instrumental learning.

KMA implements a rotational timetable whereby a student moves through 30-minute time slots throughout the Term to ensure they do not miss out on the same time/subject on any day. Parents may also choose to preference a permanent lesson time based on a time of day depending on teacher availability. For example, parents may select lessons for their child at a permanent before-school, recess or lunchtime.

HOW DO WE MAKE PAYMENT?
KMA is strongly focused on community engagement through music education and aims to provide all of our students, regardless of their socioeconomic backgrounds, the chance to learn and enjoy the benefits of playing music. Through our relationship with EziDebit direct debiting, Term lesson fees can be divided into manageable fortnightly or monthly payments with no additional cost to parents. Alternatively upfront payment can be made via bank transfer, EFTPOS, or Cash at our Office in Forrestfield or over the phone.

CAN WE BUY INSTRUMENTS THROUGH KMA?
Yes! Because KMA is focused on teaching music, and not being a music store, we are able to provide students with the instruments, books and accessories they need at less than retail price, saving parents and students’ money and time. All instruments can be placed on a Direct Debit payment along with their tuition fees, allowing families easier cash flow and ensuring their child can learn and grow with us.

ARE YOUR STAFF QUALIFIED?
All of our staff hold Working With Children Checks, hold qualifications in music, education or related fields, and have experience in working with students in a range of areas from disability and special needs to mainstream primary and secondary schools.

WHAT ELSE DO YOU OFFER?
All students receive a free Welcome Pack complete with a Practice Journal through which the Student, Parent and Teacher can communicate the required learning outcomes and feedback for the week. We feel it is important that our students receive regular feedback on their progress both during and at the end of Term. Our Teachers provide Individual Term Reports to every student.

Got a question we haven’t answered? Feel free to contact us on 1300 568 742 or email info@kalamundamusicacademy.com.au