

St Joseph's Primary School - Kingswood

NEW STUDENTS

Co-Curricular String Lessons 2017

Small group strings tuition with highly professional, specialist teachers are available to students who wish to further develop their skills playing a violin, viola, cello or double bass. These specialist teachers are part of the Captivate team and usually work in a number of schools.

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. **Lessons are available in groups of 4 – 6 and cost \$100 per term, payable through the school fees account.**

Teaching Method:

Our own exclusive *String Things* program underpins the success of our classroom program and also our co-curricular group lessons. The *String Things* books link with what is taught in the classroom and also come with a quality CD with backing tracks to encourage practice at home. **The String Things Level 1 books and CDs can be ordered through the school office for \$10. This book is exclusive to Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. Equivalent books in music stores retail for \$30 - \$40.**

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 with 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. **A string ensemble will be established at St Joseph's to perform at assemblies & concerts. Students may also be offered performance opportunities with Captivate Ensembles – combined schools in the Diocese of Parramatta.** This year, a number of Year 6 students as well as former students from St Joseph's have regularly performed at Captivate events.

Purchasing an Instrument:

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, viola or cello.** We recommend that you contact the Guitar Factory in **Castlereagh Street, Penrith:**

Guitar Factory – Penrith

12 Castlereagh Street, Penrith 2750 (Opposite the Penrith RSL Club)

Phone: 4732 2663

Yours Faithfully, Phil Rooke



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Co-Curricular String Lessons 2017

Terms and Conditions

- Lessons are available initially in groups of 4 – 6, (minimum of 4, maximum of 6) depending on availability – on violin, viola, cello or double bass. **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.
- **Fees are payable as part of the school fees account.**
- 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 return this form the School Office ASAP.

RETURNING STUDENTS

- My son/daughter _____ will continue music lessons in 2017 (Circle one)
- My son/daughter _____ *will not* continue music lessons in 2017

Please note that the Strings fees have already been charged to your school fees account. If your child is not continuing with lessons please advise ASAP as we will need to adjust the account.

OR

NEW STUDENTS

- I would like my son/daughter _____ 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.

By signing this form, you agree to the terms and conditions set out which include payment of fees to the school office by the due date and half a term's notification in writing to the school if your child wishes to withdraw from the lessons.

Parent Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____