

# **Year 5-8 Instrumental Lessons at Sumner School 2019**

**Sumner School Years 5-8 students** have the opportunity to learn an instrument at school during class time.

Parents liaise directly with instrumental tutors throughout the year to arrange lessons, payment and communicate about lesson times and absences.

Here are some important points to consider when signing up for lessons and a list of tutors' contact details.

## **Information and Instruments**

### **Christchurch School of Music (CSM) Band Programme**

The following instruments are taught: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, glockenspiel and bass guitar. Information about the band programme has been released. Recorder for Years 3 and 4 students is available through CSM as well. There will be recorder brochures available at the office early next year but you are welcome to contact Jo Cherry directly. See her email in the tutor details below.

**Under the wider Sumner School Itinerant Programme** with private tutor arrangement the following instruments are taught: Violin, Singing, Guitar, Drums, Piano. **Students from year 3 to year 8 may attend violin lessons.** These lessons are available at a younger age due to year 3 and 4 being an appropriate age level for starting violin.

Spaces are limited for some instruments in which case your child may be placed on the teacher's waiting list. If wishing to learn the piano it is essential your child has daily access to a piano or keyboard.

**Cost:** All Singing, Violin, Guitar, Drums, and Piano lessons are taught by private arrangement at school. Parents pay tutors directly, and you will be informed before lessons commence what the cost is and how payment is to be made. Overall, tutors are charging similar hourly rates, but individual charges will vary depending on the length of lessons and whether they are individual, in pairs or groups. You can discuss this with the tutor after making initial contact.

**Instrument hire:** there are a number of school instruments available for hire at the following rates, per year:

Guitar.....	\$60
Violin.....	\$60
Saxophone.....	\$200
Clarinet.....	\$100
Flute.....	\$100

You can also hire through Sedley Wells Musicworks – Riccarton Road and KBB Music- Hornby as these two shops stock the band books required for the band programme. There are a number of music shops that also hire instruments and you can ask the tutor for guidance and approximate prices.

**Commencement of lessons:** Some tutors will begin teaching as early as the first week back at school, others the following week. For the CSM Band Programme dates, Maree Parr will email you directly with the starting dates.

**Things to Consider...**

-Because your child will most likely be coming out of class to attend lessons, it is strongly advisable to check the classroom teacher feels s/he will cope with missing out on schoolwork. Your child may need your help with catching up on work at times.

-Please liaise directly with your child's instrumental tutor throughout the year. This includes all queries, concerns, absence notifications and other messages. Avoid asking office staff to pass messages on to tutors. If you would like to contact me with any comments or concerns once you have first communicated with the tutor my email address is rlean@sumner.school.nz. I am a teacher of Years 5/6 in Room 14.

**\*\*Very important\*\*** If your child is going to be absent on the day of his/her lesson it is essential you inform the tutor well in advance. Keep an eye on school events that may clash with lessons and give the tutor advance warning. In the case of sickness, please check with the tutor at the beginning of the year to clarify how they would prefer to be notified.

-Practice is a vital part of learning an instrument, so check your child is willing to make a daily commitment. (It can be effective to ask your child to "play through their pieces and pay extra attention to the sticky bits" instead of telling them to practise - some children can be allergic to that word!)

-It takes time and lots of playing for a child to start feeling comfortable and confident with an instrument. Aim for a long-term commitment, as giving up too early or switching instruments frequently can be counter-productive. Occasionally a migration to a more suitable instrument can be successful.

Information on larger musical groups such as Choir, Kapa Haka, and Rock Band will come out at during Term 1 of next year. We look forward to your child enjoying the musical opportunities at school in 2019.

Kind regards,

Robyn Lean

Music Coordinator  
Sumner School

### **Tutors' Contact Details**

If you would like your child to learn an instrument at school, contact the tutor directly.  
**Please send an email first and include all of the following information:**

*-Student's details: full name, year and room number*

*-Your name and contacts: home and cell phone numbers, and email address*

*-Background information: beginner or previous experience? Own instrument? Have you applied before and missed out? Any other useful information.*

### **Tutors**

#### **CSM Outreach Band Programme:**

Maree Parr

[mareeparr@gmail.com](mailto:mareeparr@gmail.com)

ph 357 1258

**Please note: The Training Band is currently full for 2019 although there are still some vacancies for clarinet or trumpet at this time.**

**Recorder:** (It is recommended that Years 3 & 4 students learn recorder for a couple of years before entering the band programme). Please enrol using the CSM recorder enrolment form which you can collect from the school office. Children will be taught in small groups. For recorder lessons please contact Jo Cherry by email:  
[jo\\_cherry@rocketmail.com](mailto:jo_cherry@rocketmail.com)

#### **Violin:**

Amalia Drain

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ph 021 253 1896 or 384 4067

#### **Singing:**

Mandi Miller

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#### **Drums:**

Colin Lumb

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#### **Piano:**

Helen Reddecliffe

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#### **Guitar:**

Rob Tate

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