



NEGS

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MUSIC

2025

Whatever you do, do it heartily.



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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

At NEGS, we offer individual instrumental and voice lessons to suit beginners through to advanced learners. Our visiting music tutors teach in the Forster Music Building, in our specialised teaching studios and learning spaces. NEGS students perform regularly at school events, including the Twilight Festival, and at local community events including the Armidale Eisteddfod.

Lessons are available in the following instruments:

- Violin
- Cello
- Double Bass
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Piano
- Organ
- Guitar
- Bass
- Drums
- Voice

Students who learn an instrument or voice at NEGS are expected to participate in the School's ensembles. As music is a performing art, students will also work towards playing their instrument or singing at school events, undertaking examinations, or even representing the school in the community.

Instrumental and voice lessons take place during the week. Junior School students attend lessons after morning tea to minimise disruptions to their learning, while students in Years 4 and younger will be collected and returned to class by their tutor. Senior School students will discuss their timetable with their tutor, ideally rotating their lesson times each week or fortnight to avoid missing the same subject regularly.

Practice

Students are expected to practice regularly between lessons. Music tutors will be supplied with a NEGS Music Diary, in which lesson notes, warm-ups and technical exercises, and homework will be written.

Boarders are welcome to practise in the Music building, which is open between 8am-4.30pm on weekdays. The building will be opened on Saturdays by arrangement with the Head of Boarding and the Music staff; if your child requires special access outside of these times, please contact Music Admin (music.admin@negs.nsw.edu.au).

Instrument Hire

Most instruments are available to hire from NEGS directly for \$40 per term, which is charged to your child's school account.

Please contact Music Admin for an instrument hire form (music.admin@negs.nsw.edu.au).

Lesson Costs

Most NEGS Music tutors are supplied by the New England Conservatorium of Music (NECOM), although some independent tutors also teach at NEGS. All tutors generally invoice parents or families for the entire term (between 8-10 weeks) at the commencement of lessons. Independent Music tutors charge anywhere between \$35-\$50 per 30 minute lesson. Please contact NECOM or your tutor directly to discuss fees and payments.

Please note that your tutor may require your child to bring an A4 display folder for sheet music. You may also need to purchase a practical or theory book for your child's instrument.

Absences and Attendance

A minimum of 24 hours' notice is required for any lesson cancellation. It is the responsibility of the family and/or Senior School student to notify tutors of upcoming absences or clashes, so it is helpful to advise your tutor of absences or illnesses as soon as possible. The tutor is not expected to offer replacement lessons that have been cancelled at short notice. In the event of illness or misadventure, where prior notice has not been possible, tutors will endeavour to reschedule where and when possible.

Please contact your tutor directly and/or NEGS Music Administrator, Mrs Tianna Kelly, if your child will be absent from their lesson: music.admin@negs.nsw.edu.au. Regular absenteeism, frequent lesson cancellations, or non-payment of fees may result in your child losing their place with their tutor.



INSTRUMENTS AND CONTACTS

Strings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violin • Viola • Cello • Double bass 	NECOM Head of Strings Ms Joanna Fairs-Wu Call NECOM or enrol here: https://necom.org.au/new-student/
Brass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trumpet • Trombone • French horn • Euphonium 	NECOM Head of Wind & Brass Mr Paul Marshall Call NECOM or enrol here: https://necom.org.au/new-student/
Woodwind <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flute • Clarinet • Oboe • Bassoon • Saxophone 	NECOM Head of Wind & Brass Mr Paul Marshall Call NECOM or enrol here: https://necom.org.au/new-student/
Keyboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piano • Organ (Not NECOM) 	NECOM Head of Keyboard Sheila Guymer Call NECOM or enrol here: https://necom.org.au/new-student/ Other Mr Peter Sanders (piano & organ, limited availability - please contact directly) peter.sanders63@bigpond.com
Voice	NECOM Head of Vocal Sheila Guymer Call NECOM or enrol here: https://necom.org.au/new-student/ Other Ms Hester Wright hesterwrightmusic@gmail.com
Contemporary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar • Bass • Drums 	NECOM Mr Jack Cavanagh Call NECOM or enrol here: https://necom.org.au/new-student/

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

JUNIOR SCHOOL MUSIC

Group	Who is involved	Rehearsal time
K-2 K-2 Choir	All K-2 students	During Music class
3-6 Choir	All Year 3-6 students	During Music class
Y1-2 Recorder Program	All Year 1-2 students	During Music class
Year 3-4 String Program	All Year 3-4 students	During Music class
Saumarez Strings	Open to all String players taking lessons (K-6)	Monday lunchtimes
Songbirds	Open to all singers (K-6)	Wednesdays 8.00AM

SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC

Group	Who is involved	Rehearsal time
Year 7 Choir	All Year 7 Students	During music class
The Guitar Club	Open to all Y7-12 students	Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes
Vocal Ensemble	Open to all Y7-12 students	Wednesday lunchtimes
The Elastic Band	Open to all students who play an instrument (Y7-12)	Thursday lunchtimes

Other ensembles may be initiated according to interest and feasibility. Students may approach Mrs Hughes directly to discuss this.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSON ENROLMENTS

- Discuss with your child which instrument they would like to learn (see list of instruments and tutors on the previous page).
- For NECOM tutors and instruments, please complete the NECOM enrolment form by scanning the QR code below. Lessons cannot commence without this.



- For piano or voice, you may contact NECOM or Mr Peter Sanders or Ms Hester Wright directly, via the email addresses provided.
- Your tutor will advise the NEGS Music Department upon commencement of your child's lessons.
- NEGS Music Department will assist tutors in the timetabling of lessons where required. Students will be notified of their lesson time by their tutor and all tutor timetables will be displayed on the noticeboard in the Music Department.
- Either NECOM or your tutor will invoice you directly for their services.
- Please purchase any books or equipment recommended by your tutor prior to commencing lessons. A NEGS Music Diary will be supplied to your tutor shortly.
- Should you wish to hire an instrument from NEGS, please scan the QR code to fill out the instrument hire form:



Important Contact Details

NEGS Music administration: Mrs Tianna Kelly, music.admin@negs.nsw.edu.au

NEGS reception (Mon-Fri 8.30am-5pm): 02 6774 8700

New England Conservatorium of Music reception (during term time Mon-Thu:
9am-5pm, Fri: 9am-4pm: (02) 6788 2135



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