



INTERNATIONAL
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

IGS Music for High School students



1. Choose

- Bassoon
- Bass Guitar
- Cello
- Clarinet
- Double Bass
- Drums
- Euphonium
- Flute
- French Horn
- Guitar
- Oboe
- Piano
- Recorder
- Saxophone
- Trombone
- Trumpet
- Tuba
- Tuned Percussion
- Viola
- Violin
- Voice

2. Learn

- Weekly private lessons¹**
\$44 for 30 minutes
- Weekly musicianship group lessons³**
\$220/term

Notes:

1. Private tutors charge parents directly. In High School, a private music lesson occurs at different times on a chosen day to minimise disruption to the student's timetable.
2. Musicianship lessons occur at non-class time, eg recess or lunch.
3. Ensemble fees per term: \$90 per group for first two ensembles only.

Enquiries to:

music.tuition@igssyd.nsw.edu.au
or ErinV@igssyd.nsw.edu.au

3. Participate

Bands/Wind Orchestras

- Symphonic Winds (by audition)
- Wind Orchestra (by audition)

Choirs/Vocal ensembles

- Senior Vocal Ensemble (Years 7 to 12)
- IGS Voices (Years 7 to 12 girls, by audition)

Jazz ensembles

- IGS Jazz Band

Orchestras/String ensembles

- Senior Orchestra
- Senior String Ensembles

Small ensembles

- Brass Ensemble
- Sound Lounge
- Chamber Music

4. Perform

At IGS

- School Assembly
- Lunchtime concerts
- Music Ensemble Evening Concerts
- Baby Proms Concert
- Speech Day & Speech Night

Outside IGS

- Sydney Eisteddfod
- Engadine Festival
- IPSHA Festival
- Community Concerts
- HICES Camp and Festival

For more details see IGS Notices for current notices about IGS Music.

Participate: a Roadmap for Strings, Recorders and Xylophones



Participate: a Roadmap for the Voice



Participate: a Roadmap for Band Instruments



Participate: a Roadmap for Strings



Contact

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If you would like to help support IGS Music, please contact the PTF Music Team:
ptf@igssyd.nsw.edu.au

IGS Jazz Band
(open to Primary and High School
students by audition)

Sound Lounge
(Years 7 to 12)

Frequently Asked Questions

How is music taught at IGS in the High School?

Music is a compulsory subject in Years 7 and 8. Students have two periods of music a week. Music is offered as an elective in Years 9 to 12. Please see the pre-requisite guidelines for Stage 4 and 5 music in the IGS course handbooks. Students are welcome to begin learning a musical instrument at any time. Private music tutoring is available.

How do students enrol in private music lessons?

The music office is located on Level 3 of the Reg St Leon building - the main building on Kelly street. The IGS Music Administrator is available from 8am to 4pm to assist parents and students. Enquiries can also be made by email to music.tuition@igssyd.nsw.edu.au or ErinV@igssyd.nsw.edu.au. Parents need to apply online for private music lessons, group lessons and ensembles. Visit igssyd.nsw.edu.au and search for "music application". A tutor is allocated by the Music Department depending on availability. Note some instruments have a waiting list for private tutoring.

Who are the private music tutors?

The Music Department offers a list of recommended private tutors that can teach at IGS. The Music Department manages instrument waiting lists. For example, piano currently has a waiting time of around 2 years. Once allocated, music tutors contact parents to coordinate a time and day for the private music lesson.

When do students have their music lesson?

Most private lessons are scheduled during school hours between 8.30am and 4pm. Tutors will vary the lesson time to minimise disruption to a student's timetable. This means that the student and tutor will usually agree a day on which the lesson will take place and then communicate weekly as to the time of the lesson.

Should I buy or hire an instrument?

We suggest you consult your music tutor. The PTF publish a second hand list of instruments available for sale. See the IGS Music Administrator.

How much practice is needed for good progress?

Learning an instrument is a commitment. When starting a music instrument students are encouraged to do 10 minutes of practice every day before or after school. The most important aspect of home practice is frequency. This develops muscle memory and is the only way a person can become adept at playing a musical instrument. It is not necessary for students to undertake long practise sessions. More frequent, shorter sessions are much more beneficial.

When do students perform? Can they join an ensemble?

A lunchtime concert is held every week providing students with an opportunity to perform (individually or accompanied) in an encouraging and supportive environment. The music tutor will make a lunchtime performance "booking" with the IGS Music Administrator.

Students are also encouraged to join an IGS music ensemble. Rehearsals take place before school and/or at lunchtimes once a week. The music tutor will recommend when a student is ready to join an ensemble. Ensembles perform at various times during the year. See the IGS Music Calendar in IGS Notices.

What is musicianship?

Musicianship is a music theory class where students develop their ability to read, understand and write music. These students are usually preparing for an AMEB exam.

