



INTERNATIONAL  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



**IGS Music for Early Learning  
and Primary 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 lessons<sup>1</sup>**  
\$44 for 30 minutes
- Weekly cello, recorder or violin group lessons<sup>2</sup>**  
\$220/term for 30 minutes
- Weekly musicianship group lessons<sup>3</sup>**  
\$220/term

### Notes:

1. Private tutors charge parents directly.
2. Available for Kindergarten to Year 2 only.
3. Musicianship lessons occur at non-class time, eg recess or lunch.
4. Ensemble fees per term:  
\$90 per group for the First two ensembles only. Exceptions:  
Recorder, Guitar, Mojo Xylos:  
\$220 per year; String Quartet:  
\$220 per term.

### Enquiries to:

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

## 3. Participate

### Bands/Wind Orchestras

- Training Band (Year 4)
- Bay Street Band (Year 5)
- Kelly Street Band (Year 6)

### Choirs

- Primary Choirs for Years 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and 5 and 6

### Jazz ensembles

- IGS Jazz Band

### Orchestras/String ensembles

- Junior Orchestra (K to Year 2)
- Sarasate Strings (by audition)
- Paganini Players (by audition)
- Year 4 Beginner Strings
- Year 4 Continuer Strings

### Small ensembles

- Primary Guitar
- "Mojo Xylos" (Primary Xylophones)
- Primary String Quartet

## 4. Perform

### At IGS

- School Assembly
- Lunchtime concerts
- Music Ensembles Evening Concerts
- Baby Proms Concert
- 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.

# Early Learning and Kindergarten to Year 2

## 1. Choose

- Cello
- Piano
- Recorder
- Violin

## 2. Learn

- Weekly private lessons:**  
\$44 for 30 minutes
- Optional weekly cello, recorder or violin group lessons (Kindy to Year 2 only)**  
\$220/term for 30 minute

## 3. Participate

- Junior Orchestra
- Years 1 and 2 Choir
- Sarasate Strings  
(by audition)
- "Mojo Xylos"

## 4. Perform

- Primary School Assembly
- Lunchtime concerts
- Speech Day

## IGS Co-Curricular Music Program

All students learning an instrument with a private tutor are encouraged to join an IGS music ensemble when ready (as determined by their music tutor).

Rehearsals are held at IGS before school.

Group lessons prepare students for Junior Orchestra rehearsals. Students are taught in the Orff Schulwerk style.

## Contact

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# Upper Primary: Years 3 to 6

## 1. Choose

- Band instruments: Bassoon, Bass Guitar, Clarinet, Drums, Euphonium, Flute, French Horn, Oboe, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba, Percussion
- String ensemble instruments: cello, viola, violin, double bass
- Piano

## 2. Learn

- Weekly private lessons:** \$44 for 30 minutes
- Note** that Year 4 and 5 students participating in the Instrumental Program attend weekly group lessons at no additional fee
- Weekly musicianship group lessons:** \$220/term

## 3. Participate

- Training Band (Year 4)
- Bay Street Band (Year 5)
- Kelly Street Band (Year 6)
- Years 3 and 4 choir
- Years 5 and 6 choir
- Sarasate Strings
- Paganini Players
- IGS Jazz Band
- Primary Guitar
- Mojo Xylos
- String Quartet

## 4. Perform

- Primary School Assembly
- Lunchtime concerts
- Speech Day
- Music Ensembles Evening Concerts
- External Competitions and Festivals

## IGS Co-Curricular Music Program

All students learning an instrument with a private tutor are encouraged to join an IGS music ensemble when ready (as determined by their music tutor). Ensemble rehearsals are held at IGS before school.

All beginner students in Years 2 and 3 may audition for the Training Band. Years 4 and 5 participate in the IGS Instrumental Program (Band or Music Explorer stream).

Band stream: Students join Training Band in Year 4 and Bay Street Band in Year 5. They attend a 7.30am band rehearsal and 2.35pm to 3.35pm group tutoring on the same day.

Strings Stream (Beginner and Continuer Strings) Year 4: 7.30am and 2.35pm to 3.35pm on Tuesdays.

Some advanced Primary School students may be invited to join High School ensembles.

## Contact

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# 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



All beginner students in Years 2 and 3 are welcome to apply for the Training band.  
Years 4 and 5 participate in the IGS Instrumental Program (Band or Music Explorer).  
Students attend a 7.30am rehearsal and group tutoring from 2.35pm to 3.35pm on the same day as their ensemble meets.  
Students may choose the Music Explorer stream.  
Some advanced Primary School students may be invited to join High School ensembles.

**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 Early Learning, each class has a daily 20 minute music lesson led by IGS music staff. In Primary School, each home class has two 40 minute music lessons a week taught by IGS music staff. Children are taught rhythm, shown a variety of instruments and are introduced to different styles of music. Children are welcome to begin learning a musical instrument at any time. Private and group lessons are available.

### **What instrument should my child start learning in Early Learning to Year 2?**

IGS recommends starting with the recorder, violin, piano or cello. From Year 3, students can start learning one of the “band” instruments. Note that students participate in the IGS Instrumental Program (Band or Music Explorer stream) in Years 4 and 5.

### **How do I enrol my child in 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. Enquiries can also be made by email to [music.tuition@igssyd.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music.tuition@igssyd.nsw.edu.au) or [ErinV@igssyd.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ErinV@igssyd.nsw.edu.au). Parents need to apply online for private music lessons, group lessons and ensembles. Visit [igssyd.nsw.edu.au](http://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 who can teach at IGS. The Music Department manages instrument waiting lists. For example, piano currently has a waiting time of around two years. Once allocated, music tutors contact parents to coordinate a time and day for the private or group music lesson.

### **When will my child have their music lesson?**

Most group or private lessons are scheduled during school hours between 8.30am and 3pm. In the Primary School, private music lessons are not

allowed during language, PE or sport. Parents must confirm the lesson time with the home class teacher. For students in Kindergarten to Year 2, the music tutor will collect children from and return them to their home class. Due to Early Learning accreditation regulations, Early Learning students must have a parent or guardian attend the private music lesson. Also, the Head of Early Learning and home class teacher must approve the lesson time.

### **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 for the parent and the child. When children start a music instrument they 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 children 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. Your music tutor will make a lunchtime performance “booking” with the Music Administrator.

Children are also encouraged to join an IGS music ensemble, usually starting with Junior Orchestra. Rehearsals take place before school once a week with music teachers and tutors. Your music tutor will recommend when your child 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.



