



## Tuition Policy 2026

### Weekly Requirements

- Students must arrive on time for their lessons at their scheduled appointment; missed lesson time due to late arrival is forfeited.
- Students must be prepared with all appropriate books and materials at each lesson.
- Recommended weekly lesson duration:
  - 30min weekly lesson for beginner Level 1 students up to Level 4 (grade 1)
  - 45min weekly lesson for intermediate students from Level 5 (grade 2) up to Level 8 (grade 5)
  - 60min weekly lesson for advanced students at Level 9 (grade 6) or above
- Students must spend adequate time preparing for their lesson during each week, including the practising of practical work on a suitable instrument, and the completion of any assigned written work.
- Parent/carer involvement in home practice is highly recommended for students under the age of 12.
- Parent/carer attendance to lessons is recommended for children under the age of 8 years.
- Parents/carers of children over the age of 8 years are invited to attend on occasion if they desire.

### Tuition Fees for 2026

- Tuition is charged in 10 week blocks, aligned with public school terms.
- Term tuition fees for 2026 are as follows:
  - 30min lessons, 10 week term - \$470.00 (inclusive of GST)
  - 45min lessons, 10 week term - \$680.00 (inclusive of GST)
  - 60min lessons, 10 week term - \$890.00 (inclusive of GST)
- A term calendar will be distributed at the beginning of each term showing all lesson weeks.
- Lessons falling on Public Holidays are cancelled and will be deducted from the term's account.
- Lessons being held at the studio are *not* cancelled for student-free days.
- Lessons held on school grounds are cancelled for student-free days and will be deducted from the term's account.
- An account invoice will be emailed to the primary contact person at the start of each term detailing due fees for which payment is expected in full within one month as indicated on the invoice due date (unless otherwise negotiated).
- The cost of all books, materials, performances, and examinations will be charged to the student's account, and will be included on the account invoice.
- A late payment fee of \$15.00 applies to an overdue account payment.

### Absences, Illness and School Events

- Tuition is for a whole term and missed lessons for any reason are forfeit and cannot be recovered.
- Students with any symptoms of illness such as cough, runny nose, fever, vomiting (within 24hours) must not attend their lesson in-person. In-person video link lessons may be provided as a suitable alternative if the student is well enough, or "asynchronous lesson" by sending videos of the student's work and Michela sending feedback.
- Impending absences should be communicated to Michela via phone-call, SMS text message, in-person, or email as soon as possible. Email should only be used with more than 24hours notice.
- Lessons during school time are *not* cancelled for school events (e.g. excursions, athletics/swimming carnival, assemblies, learn-to-swim programs, etc.). Parents should contact Michela as soon as possible if a clash with an event or activity is foreseen so that a lesson swap can be organised.
- 'Lesson swaps' and changes to lesson times may be negotiated within the term but are not guaranteed. Advanced notice must be given in order to be considered.
- Any lesson cancelled by Michela Pinner will be arranged for an alternative time or discounted from the subsequent term's account.

### Discontinuation

- If determined that a student will cease lessons at any time during the year, this should be communicated directly to Michela Pinner as soon as possible.
- A student may only cease their tuition at the end of a term; lessons will not be refunded.

*Tuition may be terminated if any of these policy requirements are not met to a satisfactory level.*