

Berwick College Instrumental Music Program - 2026

Berwick College has a dynamic and varied instrumental music program. There are significant benefits for students who participate in the program. We know that students with instrumental music training will have increased academic outcomes. At Berwick College, we also know that our music students are highly motivated and organised. They are engaged in an inclusive community and through this are connected to the school.

Students who study instrumental music are enrolled in an ensemble as part of the study. These ensembles perform regularly as part of the school program.

Students may choose an instrument as a complete beginner. Alternatively, they may choose an instrument they already play. The instruments available are listed below.

- Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba
- Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Oboe/Bassoon
- Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass
- Guitar: Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar
- Keyboards: Electric Keyboard, Piano
- Percussion: Drum kit, Orchestral percussion, Glockenspiel
- Voice

Instrumental Music Program Costs

There are three options for fees associated with the Instrumental Music Program.

I. Hire Fee \$200.00 per year (Paid in four instalments)

For students who do not already own an instrument, there is a cost to hire the instrument from the College. The hire fee covers the cost of the maintenance of the instrument. Students will receive the instrument to take home to practice once the first instalment has been paid.

II. Ensemble Fee \$100.00 per year

This fee is allocated to students who do not have lessons at the school, but who wish to join one of the ensembles at Berwick College. It is used to help maintain the equipment and purchase sheet music used by the band or ensemble.

III. Instrumental Fee \$450.00 Term 2 to 4 (Paid in eight instalments)

New students commencing in Term 1 will have induction and orientation sessions). The instrumental music fee is a flat rate fee charged to students who take instrumental music lessons at the school. It covers both the instrumental lessons and the activities of the main band or ensemble. The fee is used to supplement the salary of the teacher and to maintain the equipment and purchase sheet music used the band or ensemble. If a student chooses to learn a second instrument, joining the associated ensemble, the Instrumental Fee will be discounted by 50% (\$300.00 per year).

Instrumental Lessons

Students will have one lesson each week with the instrumental teacher. Half-hour lessons are timetabled during the school day on a rotating basis. The rotating timetable ensures that students do not lose too much learning time in any one classroom subject.

Please complete and return the attached application form. We look forward to the involvement of your child in the Instrumental Music program and guiding their development and encouraging their enjoyment of creating music with like-minded students during their time at Berwick College.