The Instrumental Music Program at Kingswood is primarily designed to promote an aesthetic development and appreciation of music for each student.

Through the classroom program all students are given access to a wide range of instrument skills and a program based upon the Curriculum and Standards Framework Levels 1 - 7, with further studies in the V.C.E. Units 1 - 4 program.

In the private Instrumental Program we offer tutelage in all branches of the orchestral family and lessons are available to all students from Pre-School to Year 12.

Private lessons are available from $272 per term - 30 minute session / $536 per term - 1 hour session (8 sessions per term).

**Conditions of Entry**

**Participation**
1. Students enrolled in the program are required to attend all designated lessons allocated during each term.
2. Students are strongly encouraged to gain membership in one or more of the ensembles operating throughout the year.
3. Should your son or daughter be unable to attend a lesson due to illness, notification from a parent or guardian to the appropriate School administration is necessary **no later than 8.30am**. Tutors will then be notified and an alternative makeup lesson time will be arranged.

   **The Music Dept must be notified via the relevant school reception of your child’s absence due to illness. Failure to notify the school will result in the lesson being forfeited and the tutor’s time will be billed to your account.**

4. Should more than two lessons be missed without notification, a letter will be forwarded to parents outlining the student responsibilities and a review of their continuance in the program will be considered.
5. A rotating timetable is in place and students are required to record their scheduled times in their Music diary or planner.
6. Students are asked to inform their tutors of disruptions caused by excursions, camps and other college business.
7. Extension lessons for more advanced students are available at a rate of $66 per one hour session. The Music Co-ordinator will contact parents to discuss the merits of such an intensive approach to learning, particularly at the V.C.E. level.
8. Students who are members of the ensembles are required to attend all predetermined performances and that notification throughout the year will be forwarded to allow for ample preparation.
AMEB Exams and Accompanist

1. Students are encouraged to do AMEB exams, however, they are not compulsory. This is an externally set examination and not part of the College curriculum.
2. Should your child be required to perform with an accompanist, the College can offer assistance in acquiring the services of a number of reputable musicians.

| Please note | Accompanist fees are negotiable. Cheques must be made payable to the musician personally as this is a contractual arrangement between your student and the accompanist. Should your child wish to use their tutor, the same condition applies. (Fee scale begin at $35 per hour) |

A Special Note to Parents and Guardians

The tutors who conduct the Instrumental Music Program are all highly qualified and respected musicians who work at the Kingswood in a sessional capacity.

Their timetable with students has been planned in advance to ensure your child has full value for money and continuity in their learning and musicianship. It works on a rotational basis to offset interruption to their other learning.

*Your tuition fees constitute the income of the music tutor* so it is vitally important you ensure your son or daughter attends their lessons as agreed. Absenteeism (without reason) is both a highly inconvenient and costly exercise for all concerned.

Tutors are paid for scheduled lesson times. A make up lesson is offered free of charge for session times lost through illness or notified absence. Should your son or daughter register a No Show to a following lesson, the make up session is forfeited.

Should you wish to discuss the program, please do not hesitate to contact the Music Co-ordinator, Mr Christopher Skepper on 9896 1700 or email skepper.c@kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au