



MOUNT ANNAN
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

BAND & STRINGS

PROGRAM



Mount Annan Christian College is pleased to offer students the opportunity to join our College Band and String Programs. A range of instrument options and ensembles are available, depending on skill level and experience. Consistent exposure to music, like learning to play an instrument, powerfully reinforces language skills, builds and improves reading ability, and strengthens memory and attention, according to the latest research in cognitive neuroscience. Music learning has been found to improve learning habits, social skills and wellbeing.

MACC BAND PROGRAM

Training Band:

Years: 3-12.

Criteria: For students new to the instrument.

Details: One 50 minute small group instrument lesson weekly.

Price: \$15 per lesson + instrument costs

Junior Band:

Years: 3 -12.

Criteria: Graduated from Training Band or meet the skill level for Junior Band.

Details: One 50 minute small group instrument lesson and ensemble rehearsal weekly.

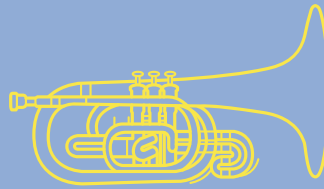
Price: \$20 per lesson + instrument costs

Ensemble Only:

Criteria: For this option, students must be receiving tuition elsewhere or their skill level is deemed adequate by the tutor for the respective ensemble.

Price: \$100 per term





BAND INSTRUMENT HIRE

Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone) & Brass (Trumpet, Trombone)

Term Hire Fee: \$50

Note: All instruments will be sent for a service and clean at the end of each year, this expense will be covered by the College. Withdrawing from the program throughout the year will however incur the cost of \$70 to cover this fee so the instrument can be transferred to another student.

Bass Guitar & Guitar

Term Hire Fee: - \$50

Percussion & Keyboard

Term Hire Fee: - N/A

Additional Items will need to be supplied by student

Saxophone and clarinet: Supply own reeds

Trumpet: Supply own valve oil

MACC STRING TUITION PROGRAM

Individual Tuition:

Details: One individual 30 minute lesson weekly.

Price: \$45 per lesson + instrument costs

Junior String Ensemble:

Criteria: For students who meet the skill level for Junior String Ensemble.

Details: One individual 30 minute lesson and 50 minute ensemble rehearsal weekly.

Price: \$45 per lesson + instrument costs

Senior String Ensemble:

Criteria: For students who have graduated from Junior String Ensemble or meet the skill level for Senior String Ensemble.

Details: One individual 30 minute lesson and 60 minute ensemble rehearsal weekly.

Price: \$45 per lesson + instrument costs

Ensemble Only:

Criteria: For this option, students must be receiving tuition elsewhere or their skill level is deemed adequate by the tutor for the respective ensemble.

Price: \$100 per term

String Quartet:

The String Quartet is a complementary program where selected students are invited to join at no additional cost.

Students who accept a place in the quartet are expected to attend rehearsals and be available for scheduled performances.



GENERAL FAQS

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When do lessons start?

Lessons begin in Week 2 of Term 1 and then in Week 1 of each term thereafter.

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Can my child leave their instrument at school?

Students are responsible for taking their instrument to and from school for lessons and ensemble rehearsals. Students are encouraged to practice their instrument at home.

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What year can my child join the program?

The Band program is available for Years 3-12. The Strings program is available for Prep - Year 12.

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When do lessons take place?

Lessons are timetabled during the school day.

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Can my child bring their own instrument?

Yes, your child can bring their own instrument and in this instance a hire fee will not apply.

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How do I know if my child has the adequate skill level to join the ensemble groups?

This will be advised by the tutor.

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Does being a part of the Ensemble have an extra cost?

There are no additional costs that come with being a part of the Ensembles. The only cost is the weekly individual lesson fee and instrument hire.



BAND FAQs

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Does the school hire the instruments for Band?

Yes, the cost of hiring instruments is added to the school fees. Students are also able to provide their own instrument.

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What book does my child need for Band?

When a student joins the band program, they will be given a music tuition book that will be loaned through the library borrowing system. Students will be required to provide a black display folder for additional printed music.

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Does the Training band have ensemble rehearsals

Ensemble rehearsals are for members in the Junior band only.

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What time does the band ensemble rehearsal take place?

The Ensemble Rehearsals take place on Thursdays from 7:30am-8:20am.

STRING FAQs

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What string instrument could my child learn?

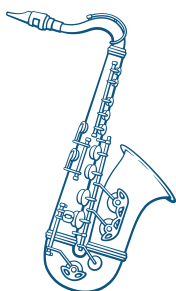
Students may choose to learn the violin, viola, cello or double bass. The viola and double bass are large to hold and are offered to students in Year 2 and above. If your child is in Prep-Year 1 and wishes to learn viola or double bass, it is recommended to begin learning on the violin or cello, respectively, and later transition as the skills are easily transferred.

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How do I hire a string instrument?

Due to the complexity of fitting a string instrument for a student and ensuring it is the right size, the school will refer you to a company who will organise hiring an instrument from them.

- 14 What book does my child need for Strings?**
Beginners will need to purchase a book as directed by the strings tutor. However, as your child progresses, additional books may need to be purchased. Students will be required to provide a black display folder for additional printed music. It is also encouraged to bring a small notebook to lessons for the tutor to write practice notes in.
- 15 What time does the Junior String ensemble rehearsal take place?**
The Ensemble rehearsals take place on Fridays from 7:30am-8:20am
- 16 What time does the Senior String ensemble rehearsal take place?**
The Ensemble rehearsals take place on Wednesdays from 3:00pm-4:00pm.
- 17 How do I pay for the Strings or Band program?**
All charges are added onto school fees. Charging takes place at the end of each term.
- 18 How do I enrol?**
Simply click the link below to complete the Jotform enrollment.
- 19 If my child no longer wants to participate in the program, what is the process?**
4 weeks written notice is required via email to music@macc.nsw.edu.au
- 20 I have more questions, what do I do?**
Please email any questions you may have to music@macc.nsw.edu.au or phone 4634 7474.



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