



SMC ACADEMY

inspiring creativity

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2021 PROSPECTUS

SMC Academy is a place where students of Staines Memorial College and community members are invited to take co-curricular instrumental lessons, mostly in school hours, on campus with qualified private tutors authorised by the college.

We offer lessons in the following:

- Violin, Viola, Cello
- Piano, Keyboard
- Guitar, Voice
- Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone
- Drums

SMC Academy is commencing in Term 2, 2021.

SMC Academy upholds the school values and offers another space where every child flourishes. Our motto is "Inspiring Creativity." SMC Academy promises to be a place where students are encouraged at every opportunity to aspire to reach their full creative potential in a safe, nurturing, inspirational and God-honouring environment.

We aim to provide regular concerts and performance opportunities where students can increase their performance skills.

Fees are payable upfront at the start of each Semester or Term. Commitment is required for a full semester.

Enrolments are now open. Forms will be available on the college website and at the front office.

Please see following pages for details of the lessons we offer at SMC Academy.

God Bless,

Ms Amanda Jones
SMC Academy Coordinator

MUSIC LESSONS



Music is a vital part of each and everyone's life and the academic benefits of learning a musical instrument are widely documented, particularly the value of music towards cognitive development and numeracy skills.

Timetabled weekly lessons are tailored to each student's learning style and ability, giving students not only the skills to play and compose music but also to develop valuable life-skills improving and encouraging aural, visual and kinaesthetic learning.

SMC Academy offers students a wide-range of instrument choices for Prep—Year 12 through individual, pair or small group tuition in drums, guitar, piano, strings, woodwind, brass, percussion and singing.

GUITAR__DRUMS

Tutors:

(Guitar)

(Drums)

Guitar and Drum Lessons available in Group, Pairs or Private Lessons.

MUSIC LESSON COSTS 2021

<i>Class</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Students/class</i>	<i>Fee/week</i>	<i>Fee/Term- 9 wks</i>
Group Lesson	30 mins	4-6	\$15.00	\$135.00
Pairs Lesson	30 mins	2	\$20.00	\$180.00
Private Lesson	30 mins	1	\$37.00	\$333.00

PIANO__KEYBOARD

Tutors: Ms Amanda Jones (piano)

Mrs Naomi Murphy (keyboard)

Piano lessons are available for **private lessons only**.

Keyboard lessons are available for group, pairs and private lessons. Students will be able to use school keyboards during lessons but will need access to a keyboard or piano for practicing at home.

MUSIC LESSON COSTS 2021

<i>Class</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Students/class</i>	<i>Fee/week</i>	<i>Fee/Term- 9 wks</i>
Group Lesson	30 mins	4-6	\$15.00	\$135.00
Pairs Lesson	30 mins	2	\$20.00	\$180.00
Private Lesson	30 mins	1	\$37.00	\$333.00

STRINGS

Violin__Viola__Cello

Tutor: Ms Amanda Jones

Violin, Viola and Cello lessons are available in Group, Paired and Private Lessons.

MUSIC LESSON COSTS 2021

<i>Class</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Students/class</i>	<i>Fee/week</i>	<i>Fee/Term- 9 wks</i>
Group Lesson	30 mins/week	3 (max)	\$15.00	\$135.00
Pairs Lesson	30 mins/week	2	\$20.00	180.00
Private Lesson	30 mins/week	1	\$37.00	\$333.00

Violins are available for hire from the school for the cost of \$100 per calendar year. For guidelines on purchasing and renting instruments, please contact Amanda Jones at academy@staines.qld.edu.au.

WOODWIND LESSONS

Flute__Clarinet__Saxophone

Tutor: Ms Amanda Jones

Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone Lessons are available in Group, Paired and Private Lessons.

MUSIC LESSON COSTS 2021

<i>Class</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Students/class</i>	<i>Fee/week</i>	<i>Fee/Term- 9 wks</i>
Group Lesson	30 mins	*4-6	\$15.00	\$135.00
Pairs Lesson	30 mins	2	\$20.00	\$180.00
Private Lesson	30 mins	1	\$37.00	\$333.00

VOICE LESSONS**Tutor: Mrs Naomi Murphy (Voice)**

Voice lessons are available in Group, Paired and Private Lessons.

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<i>Class</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Students/class</i>	<i>Fee/week</i>	<i>Fee/Term- 9 wks</i>
Group Lesson	30 mins/week	4-6	\$15.00	\$135.00
Pairs Lesson	30 mins/week	2	\$20.00	180.00
Private Lesson	30 mins/week	1	\$37.00	\$333.00

BRASS LESSONS**Trumpet__Trombone****Tutor: Ms Amanda Jones**

Trumpet and Trombone Lessons available in Group, Paired and Private Lessons.

MUSIC LESSON COSTS 2021

<i>Class</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Students/class</i>	<i>Fee/week</i>	<i>Fee/Term- 9 wks</i>
Group Lesson	30 mins	*4-6	\$15.00	\$135.00
Pairs Lesson	30 mins	2	\$20.00	\$180.00
Private Lesson	30 mins	1	\$37.00	\$333.00

FEES/ENROLMENTS:

SMC Academy, in partnership with Staines Memorial College, aims to provide a service that enhances the child's education at the College. It is a paid service and funded by the fees set out in this prospectus.

Students will receive 9 lessons each Term. Enrolment is accepted for a full Term only. No cancellations will be accepted during the Term.

Enrolments will continue on from Term to Term. Notice is required before the end of the current Term to disenroll for the following Term. Unless cancellation is received, enrolment will automatically carry over to the next Term and be invoiced for.

Late enrolments may be accepted depending on class vacancies and tutor availability. No late enrolments will be accepted after SMC Academy Lesson 4 of the current Term and all late enrolments must be paid till the end of Term at the time of enrolment.

Fees are to be paid upfront at the start of each term.

ATTENDANCE/MAKE UP LESSONS

All reasonable effort will be made to schedule individual lessons in accordance with student availability.

Secondary Students are expected to check their timetable on Edumate daily for any changes in scheduling.

All students in Prep – Year 2 are collected by the tutors for their lessons. Year 3 students are collected for Term 1 only and come to class themselves in Terms 2, 3 and 4. Students in Year 4-12 are expected to excuse themselves from class 5 – 10 mins before their scheduled lesson and arrive at their lesson on time.

In the event that a student does not arrive on time for their lesson, the tutor will attempt to phone the class to ask for the student. No extra time at the end of the lesson is given for late arrival. If the student cannot be contacted for any reason and the student misses the lesson, no make up or credit will be provided.

All lessons missed due to tutor absence and school events (both at school and away) will be either rescheduled in the same week or made up later in the semester.

Due to the nature of group tuition, there can be no makeups for lessons missed. However if, at the discretion of the relevant tutor, another group is working at the same or similar level, a student may be invited to also attend that group for the purposes of a makeup lesson.

No make up lessons are provided for student absence from school (i.e.: holidays). In the case of illness, one makeup lesson per term will be allowed for and then only if notice of absence has been received prior to the commencement of school on that day. Additional makeup lessons are completely at the discretion of the tutor.

In the event of an extended illness or injury (lasting more than 2 weeks) that prevents a student from participating in lessons, a medical certificate must be provided to receive a credit/refund for the lessons affected. SMC Academy must receive at least 24 hours notice prior to scheduled lessons and will only give credit/refund for lessons missed after notice is provided.

You must agree to these terms on the enrolment form for enrolment to be accepted.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the practice requirements for my child? Music students are expected to commit to regular at home practice. The ideal practice is 4 – 5 times per week, starting off as 10 mins/day and increasing depending on how long the student has been learning, what their goals are and the difficulty of the work they have. Please contact your tutors if you have any questions relating to home practice.

Does my child need their own instrument? Yes, all students require instruments at home to practice on. Piano students may have a keyboard to begin with. Drum students require drum sticks and a practice pad as beginners, and a drum kit is definitely useful as they advance. All other instruments need to have an instrument at home for practice and to bring to school for their lessons. Please contact Amanda Jones or your child's tutor for information on purchasing / hiring instruments.

Do you hold Student Recitals/Concerts? All students will have the opportunity to perform once or twice each year at school concerts/music appreciation events.

I would like my child to have lessons, but cannot afford to pay each term up front, do you offer a payment plan? We are not able to offer payment plans. If you are in a situation where you cannot afford to pay upfront, please contact the college fees advisor Ann Statham to see if an alternative arrangement can be made.

My child has learnt before at another school or private teacher, can they have lessons at SMC Academy? Yes, our tutors are all experienced at teaching all levels of students and we welcome students with previous experience. Please email with Amanda Jones if your child has learnt before (not at SMC Academy) so we can offer the best fit for their lessons at SMC Academy.

When do enrolments open? Enrolments are now open for Term 2, 2021. Late enrolments will be accepted subject to availability of tutors and class vacancies till Friday 30th April 2021 and all 9 lessons will need to be paid for including those missed due to late enrolment. Private lessons will be made up. There will be no make up lessons for classes or paired enrolments missed due to late enrolment.

When do lessons begin? Term 2 Lessons begin on the week of Monday 26th April 2021. Please send any other questions you have to Amanda Jones at academy@staines.qld.edu.au.