



Guildford Grammar School

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From the Director of Music

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Dear Parents and Students,

The Guildford Grammar School of Music is proud of the service we provide but are also committed to ensuring that you receive the best value for money and the best rewards from your children's investment of time into our program.

It is due to this that the School launched a new way for you to view and choose all things musical – from tuition to ensemble sign ups – in the one place, **Clipboard**.

By following this link [Clipboard Portal](#) you will be taken to the **Clipboard** Portal where all sign up information is stored. **Clipboard** is a program that allows you to see prices, timetable options for ensembles and full lesson options for each instrument before you buy! It also allows your son or daughter to sign up for one of the many ensembles that we have at the School knowing the clashes and extra time that each of these will add to their timetable.

Some of the benefits of this new program include:

- Personalised options applicable for your children at their current level. This includes lesson duration option, hire or no hire options and even ensemble options customised to each individual child.
- The option of choosing 45-minute lessons for students in Year 6 should you choose to do so.
- All our instrumental tuition options in one place. Who knew that you could learn the Harp, Bassoon and/or Pipe Organ?
- A simplified semester payment – guaranteeing you at least 16 lessons per semester.
- NB: Only Parents can sign their child up for music lessons as they do carry a cost! **Once you go to pay for your cart the amount is taken immediately from your card.**
- Simplified Ensemble sign-ups for each of the 35+ ensembles within the School of Music. Simply choose whether the ensemble is a Band, Orchestra, Choir or Ensemble and fill your shopping cart from there.
- NB: Ensembles do not have a cost associated to them. (Theory Club has a cost for the resource).
- NB: Only Students may sign up for Music Ensembles in Senior School, as we want to make sure that only those who really want to be a part of the ensemble sign themselves up.
- Ease of lesson scheduling and changes reflected in real time, as the Duty of Care of your child is always of the utmost importance.
- Simple contact with Instrumental Tutors and Ensemble leaders through the **Clipboard** Portal.
- If your child has a Music Scholarship, please scroll down and choose their instrument in the Scholarship Section.

Guildford Grammar has committed to using **Clipboard** as our one-stop portal in many areas, including co-curricular, with music being the pilot program, so we are happy to speak to you regarding any problems, queries or celebrations that you may have!

Here is the link to step-by-step instructions. [Support Page](#)



The Closing Date for individual instrumental lessons is **Friday, 17 January 2025**. This is a hard close and if missed out, you will need to sign up when enrolments open for Semester 2.

To cancel individual music lessons, you must notify the Music Department before the beginning of Term 2 to withdraw for Semester 2, otherwise the following semesters' fees will be charged. It is assumed that when you sign up for lessons that this is for the year, so we hire tutors for the 12 months. To keep quality tutors, we need to protect their livelihood.

Please go to the Parent Hub to see all the information regarding music.

https://www.ggs.wa.edu.au/parent_hub/music/

We are confident that this heralds a new way forward with music ensemble selections, instrumental lesson management and ensemble/event co-ordination. We are, of course, more than happy to assist you with any issues or questions that you may have and ask that you email music@ggs.wa.edu.au or phone 9377 9280 for assistance.

Thank you once again for your patronage of the School of Music and I look forward to hearing of anything that we can do to make your experience as easy and pleasurable as possible.

Kindest regards



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