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INSTRUMENTAL TUITION OPTIONS:

Instrumental tuition is available for a wide range of musical instruments through the Damascus College Instrumental Music Program. Private lessons are provided by visiting instrumental specialist tutors on a weekly rotational basis during the school day. Any student at the college can take advantage of this 'optional' program depending on available instrumental tutors and enrolment numbers for the year. The instrumental program is in addition to 'music' undertaken as a curriculum subject.

To further develop their skills, students who enrol in the program are encouraged to participate in a concert band and/or ensemble that suits their level of learning. Held before or after school once a week or during a lunchtime, these rehearsals are an essential component of the program, as they provide students with group performance opportunities and ensemble skills. The ensembles planned for the year ahead are: ***Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Drumline, String Ensemble, African Drum Ensemble and the development of smaller rock and stage based bands.***

INSTRUMENT LESSON FEE & INSTRUMENT HIRE CHARGES:

Instrumental lessons are provided by private instrumental tutors. Lesson costs have been determined in accordance with the VMTA rates suggested. Individual lessons are offered for all instruments at a rate of \$34.50 per 30 minutes. It is expected that a tutor will deliver 8 lessons per term. Therefore, the cost will be \$276 for Individual lessons per Term. **Instrumental Music Lessons are in addition to Damascus College School fees and are billed separately to school fee accounts.** Families are required to pay the full balance (at the office) in advance for lessons prior to the beginning of the Term.

Students are required to have an instrument to practise on at home. Hire of an instrument is available through the company Musiccorp. More information with regard to Musiccorp and instrumental hire can be obtained by emailing music@damascus.vic.edu.au.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR INSTRUMENT HIRE:

Damascus College has a limited number of instruments that it would like to loan **free of charge** to students who seek to participate in the Damascus Instrumental Program. To apply for this offer, students and parents must agree and commit to the following conditions:

- Lessons for the term must be paid in full prior to the commencement of each term.
- Students will attend a weekly band rehearsal in addition to their private lesson as part of the Damascus College Concert Band. This will be held after school from 3.30pm – 4.30pm each Wednesday.
- Students and parents will agree to the Conditions of Loan which includes any cost of repairs, replacement or maintenance in the case of damaged or lost instruments.

The following instruments are available as part of this offer – ***flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone and violin.***

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

If you have any further questions regarding the Instrumental Program please do not hesitate to contact the Performing Arts – Music Department at music@damascus.vic.edu.au or call the school directly on 5337 2222.

If you would like to register your interest in the program, please complete the form overleaf and return to the school as soon as possible. Once 'Expressions of Interest' forms are collated, students will be given an official 'Letter of Enrolment and Acceptance' which will include the Conditions of Membership. An invoice will accompany this.

We look forward to sharing the experience of music with your student at Damascus College.

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NAME OF STUDENT: _____

YEAR COMMENCING (eg: 2019, 2020): _____ YEAR LEVEL: _____

I would like to learn the following...

(Please indicate your preferences with numbers 1 and 2 in the boxes below. if you do not wish to be considered for a second preference please only number one instrument. if you wish to apply for the special offer for instrument hire please tick the box accordingly)

<input type="checkbox"/>	FLUTE	}	<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to apply for the special offer for instrument hire.
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLARINET			
<input type="checkbox"/>	SAXOPHONE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	TRUMPET			
<input type="checkbox"/>	TROMBONE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	VIOLIN			

<input type="checkbox"/>	VIOLA	<input type="checkbox"/>	PIANO
<input type="checkbox"/>	CELLO	<input type="checkbox"/>	VOICE / SINGING
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTRIC / ACOUSTIC GUITAR	<input type="checkbox"/>	DRUMS / PERCUSSION
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTRIC BASS		

PLEASE RETURN TO THE FRONT OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE