

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

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2019 CHAMBER ENSEMBLE PROGRAM & SHARED INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS PROGRAM



NECOM provides outstanding music education and instrumental training to a broad range of students throughout the New England region – to children right through to adults.

In 2019 NECOM will provide students with instrumental lessons from qualified and experienced NECOM teachers, opportunities to access invaluable support such as subsidised instrument hire, ensemble and orchestral training, specialist workshops with guest musicians, masterclasses, scholarships and bursaries for families needing financial support etc.

CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Chamber music is music for a small group of musicians (usually 3-6) where every player has his or her own part. Each player takes on a leadership role as every part is of equal importance. There is no conductor, so chamber ensemble players work together to make their own musical decisions. Playing in a chamber ensemble with friends and like-minded musicians nurtures outstanding musicianship and is one of the most enjoyable and rewarding activities that every musician should experience.

As a bridge between solo and orchestral playing, chamber music develops unique musical and social skills:

- Listening –matching sound quality, pitch, rhythm and articulation
- Communication skills, visual and verbal
- Leadership, self-discipline and independence
- Sharing expression and stylistic interpretation
- Extensive repertoire knowledge
- HSC ensemble preparation
- Gigs – weddings, events, busking

Chamber ensembles are made of combinations of instruments - usually orchestral strings, woodwinds and brass, recorders, guitar and/or piano. Some standard ensemble combinations are:

String Trio / Quartet – 1-2 Violins, 1 Viola, 1 Cello	String Quintet – 2 Violins, 1 Viola, 1 Cello, 1 Brass
Flute / Sax Trio / Q'tet – 3-4 Flutes or Saxophones	Piano Trio / Quartet – 1 Violin, 1 Viola, 1 Cello, 1 Piano
Wind Trio – 1 Flute, 1 Clarinet, 1 Piano	Harp / Guitar/ Stgs – Guitar, harp, winds, strings etc
Baroque Ensemble – Strings, flute, recorder & keyboard	

SHARED INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

NECOM teachers are able to give instrumental lessons at various primary and secondary schools that support the students' music education by allowing them to have their instrumental lessons during the school day. Parents are required to write to the school principal or Head of Music informing them of their preference that their child is to have their lesson at school.

In special circumstances, NECOM will provide a shared lesson for 2-3 students at the beginning of their instrumental studies with the goal that they will graduate to individual lessons towards the end of the first year of learning.

Enrolment in the NECOM Instrumental Lessons Program provides the following:

- 9 x 30 minute lessons shared by 2-3 students per term – only suitable for beginner students starting out
- Concerts, including rehearsals for concerts and music exams
- Casual ensemble tutorials and performances - when appropriate

Ensembles

It is highly recommended that students enrich their instrumental studies by playing in an ensemble at school OR a NECOM ensemble. Australian and international research proves that the most accomplished and successful students are those who, from an early age, perform in ensembles in a non-competitive social environment with their peers.

Students are encouraged to talk with their teacher when it is the optimum time to join an ensemble after they have established their initial skills in reading and technique.



CHAMBER ENSEMBLE PROGRAM & SHARED INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

This is an important summary of our Enrolment Policy. Please read carefully and file for future reference.

Enrolment

- The program fee listed is for each individual student.
- Programs are designed for the full year of sequential activities and it is assumed that enrolment is for the full year.
- All students (ongoing and new students) **MUST** be enrolled through the completion of the 2019 Enrolment Form. Ongoing students will not receive an automatic invoice and automatic enrolment.
- After the enrolment form is processed, invoices for Terms 2, 3 and 4 will be sent 3 weeks before each term commences.
- It is the responsibility of the Account Holders (parent/guardian/student) to notify the NECOM Office of any changes to their contact addresses and student enrolment details as soon as these details change.
- NECOM reserves the right to suspend or cancel enrolments if accounts remain outstanding (individual payment plans excluded).
- Accounts that remain unpaid are sent to appropriate agents for recovery. If recovery/legal action is undertaken, the Account Holder (parents/guardians/student) will be responsible for all expenses in relation to the collection of the out-standing amount including, but not limited to, all charges and fees, legal costs on an indemnity basis, and disbursements.
- Relevant NECOM policies and directions apply to parents/guardians/students. These policies may be varied at times by NECOM and up to date copies can be obtained upon request to NECOM.
- Whilst all care is taken, NECOM accepts no liability for thefts, damage, accidents or injuries that may occur whilst on our premises.

Fee Payment Options

- Early Bird Discount Fee pay on the Friday BEFORE the 1st week of each term commences
- Standard fee pay by the Friday of Week 3 of each term
- Late fee payment received after Week 3 of each term includes Standard fee + \$35 late fee
- Instalment Payment Plan request an individual payment plan with NECOM administration

Fees & Term Payment Dates

SHARED LESSONS & CHAMBER ENSEMBLE FEES	30 min	45min	60min	Options
2- students: Fee per student for 9 x shared lessons each term OR 9 x Chamber rehearsals each term	\$205	\$303	\$395	Early Bird
	\$215	\$313	\$405	Standard
	\$250	\$348	\$440	Late Fee
3-students: Fee per student for 9 x shared lessons each term OR 9 x Chamber rehearsals each term	\$140	\$205	\$247	Early Bird
	\$150	\$215	\$257	Standard
	\$185	\$250	\$392	Late Fee
4-students: Fee per student for 9 x shared lessons each term OR 9 x Chamber rehearsals each term	\$110	\$157	\$183	Early Bird
	\$120	\$167	\$193	Standard
	\$155	\$202	\$228	Late Fee

Deadlines for Payment Options 2019				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Early Bird	Fri 1/2	Fri 26/4	Fri 19/7	Fri 11/10
Standard	Fri 22/2	Fri 17/5	Fri 9/8	Fri 1/11
Late Fee	Payment after Standard Fee deadline passes			
Instalment Plan	Devise upfront instalment plan with NECOM			

Attendance Policy: Terms & Conditions

The student/s will not be eligible for a makeup lesson if:

- students do not attend the lesson and do not give the teacher at least 24 hours' prior notice. If one student attends, that lesson will be given as scheduled and the other will forfeit the lesson.
- One or both student/s miss the lesson due to school activities and events (eg. carnivals, excursions) with no prior notice given. It is the responsibility of the parents and/or students to be organised and give the teacher reasonable notice (previous week) of prior school commitments.

The student/s will be eligible for a makeup lesson if:

- Both students (or their parents) give a minimum of 48 hours' notice.
- The lesson has been missed because the teacher is absent for any reason.
- Other exceptional circumstances considered reasonable by the teacher.
- Makeup lessons may be offered at the teacher's discretion by offering two alternative lesson times – if the parents/students do not take up either of the alternative times, the makeup lesson is forfeited.

Missed Lessons & Refunds

- Missed lessons will not be eligible for a refund or credit.
- In exceptional circumstances (e.g. serious prolonged illness or accident with a doctor's certificate), a request for credit or a refund must be made in writing by post or email (admin@necom.org.au) to NECOM.
- An administration fee of \$25 will apply if a credit or refund is approved.

Withdrawal

- Notification to withdraw or defer lessons must be made in writing (mail or email admin@necom.org.au) to NECOM Administration at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of each term.
- Where written notice of withdrawal is made after the term commences, the full term fee will be payable as NECOM has engaged the teacher and booked the timeslot to deliver those lessons to the student.
- A telephone call or conversation with the teacher does not constitute a written notification of withdrawal.
- Failure to attend lessons with the intention of withdrawing does not constitute withdrawal or deferment and fees will remain payable.
- An administration fee of \$25 will apply if a credit or refund is approved.