

## 2020 FOUNDATION & PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES PROGRAM



Learning to play music together in an ensemble with friends is an invaluable component in the development of young musicians. International research proves the significant and far-reaching benefits that ensemble training gives to young children learning their instrument. It establishes secure foundations in musical skills such as listening, intonation, co-ordination, reading, technique and communication in a fun and non-competitive environment.

NECOM's Foundation String, Wind and Percussion Ensembles provide a sequential training pathway for students (Kinder-Yr 6) learning:

- Strings violin, viola, cello, double bass
- Winds flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone
- Percussion tuned and untuned percussion, piano, organ, drums

Ensembles operate on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons during the school term with weekly 45 x minute tutorials with specialist conductors and accompanists, in addition to concerts. The string ensembles include separate violin/viola and cello individual tutorials in the early weeks of each term before combining to form the larger Puddledock Strings or Boorolong Strings towards the middle of each term.

• Puddledock String Ensembles	K-Yr 2 violins + K-Yr 3 cellos	Tuesdays 4.00 – 4.45pm
• Boorolong String Ensembles	Yr 3+ violins & violas + Yrs 4+ cellos	Tuesdays 4.00 – 4.45pm
• Tilbusters Wind Ensemble	Yr 3+ woodwinds and brass	Wednesdays 5.00 – 5.45pm
• Percussion Ensemble	Yr 3+ percussion	Thursdays 4.00 – 4.45pm
• Thunderbolt Ensemble	Yr K-6 tuned percussion	Thursdays 4.00 – 4.45pm

### 2020 FOUNDATION ENSEMBLES TUTORIALS & PERFORMANCE Dates

<b>TERM 1 – 10 tutorials</b>
Strings (Tues): 4, 11, 18, 25 Feb; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March; 7 April Tilbusters (Wed): 5, 12, 19, 26 Feb; 4, 11, 18, 25 Mar; 1, 8 April Perc (Thurs): 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb; 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar; 2, 9 April
<b>Open rehearsals: Last week of term</b>

<b>TERM 2 - 10 tutorials</b>
Strings (Tues) 28 April; 5, 12, 19, 26 May; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June Tilbusters (Wed): 29 April; 6, 13, 20, 27 May; 3, 10, 17, 24 June; 1 July Perc (Thurs): 30 April; 7, 14, 21, 28 May; 4, 11, 18, 25 June; 1 July
<b>Foundation Ensembles Concert: Tues 23 June @ 6.00pm</b>

<b>TERM 3 - 10 tutorials</b>
Strings (Tues): 21, 28 July; 4, 11, 18, 25 August; 1, 8, 15, 22 Sept Tilbusters (Wed): 22, 29 July; 5, 12, 19, 26 Aug; 2, 9, 16, 23 Sept Perc (Thurs): 23, 30 July; 6, 13, 20, 27 Aug; 3, 10, 17, 24 Sept
<b>Foundation Solo Concerts: Tues 1, 8, 15, Sept, 6pm</b>

<b>TERM 4 – 6 tutorials</b>
Strings (Tues): 13, 20, 27 October; 3, 10, 17 November Tilbusters (Wed): 14, 21, 28 October; 4, 11, 18 November Perc (Thurs): 15, 22, 29 October; 5, 12, 19 November
<b>Foundation Ensembles Christmas Concert: Tues 17 Nov, 6pm</b>

### 2020 TERM FEE & PAYMENT OPTIONS

FOUNDATION/PERC ENS FEE/TERM	Fee	Options
	\$130	Early Bird
	\$140	Standard
	\$175	Late Fee

Deadlines for Payment Options 2020				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<b>Early Bird</b>	<b>Fri 31/1</b>	<b>Fri 24/4</b>	<b>Fri 17/7</b>	<b>Fri 9/10</b>
<b>Standard</b>	Fri 14/2	Fri 15/5	Fri 7/8	Fri 30/10
<b>Late Fee</b>	Payment after Standard Fee deadline passes			

### INSTRUMENT HIRE SERVICE

NECOM hires out string, woodwind and brass instruments (fractional to full sizes) when the initial cost of buying an instrument is prohibitive. For information on available instruments and hire costs please contact the NECOM office or go to: [www.necom.org.au](http://www.necom.org.au)

### 2020 NECOM TERM DATES (based on NSW Public school terms)

<b>(NECOM) Term 1, 2020</b> 03.02.2020-09.04.2020	<b>Term 2, 2020</b> 27.4.2020-03.07.2020	<b>Term 3, 2020</b> 20.07.2020-25.09.2020	<b>Term 4, 2020</b> 12.10.2020-11.12.2020
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## 2020 FOUNDATION ENSEMBLES ENROLMENT INFORMATION

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

### Enrolment Terms & Conditions

- Programs are designed for the full year of sequential activities and it is assumed that enrolment is for the full year unless cancellation in writing is received 4 weeks before the start of each term (refer to 'Cancellation of Enrolment' details below).
- To activate enrolment, all students MUST complete the new 2020 Enrolment & Payment form.
- After the 2020 enrolment form is processed, invoices for Terms 2, 3 and 4 will be sent automatically 4 weeks before each term.
- It is the responsibility of the Account Holder (parent/guardian) 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 (non-defaulting 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.
- It is the parents' responsibility to ensure their child is delivered and collected punctually to the Ensemble Tutorial. NECOM does NOT take responsibility for supervision of a child outside the lesson time and venue.
- Whilst all care is taken, NECOM accepts no liability for thefts, damage, accidents or injuries that may occur whilst on NECOM premises.

### Term Fee Payment Dates & Options

Refer to Table of fees and payment dates overleaf. NB: If your fee payment/instalment payment is not received in full or part by week 4 of each term, NECOM reserves the right to cease or suspend lessons.

Payment Options

- o Early Bird Discount of \$10
- o Standard fee
- o Late Payment fee of \$35

Pay by the Friday before term starts and get a \$10 discount (Fri 31 January for Term 1, 2020)

Pay by Friday of Week 3 in each term (Fri 14 Feb in Term 1, 2020)

Standard Payment deadline missed incurs an additional late penalty of \$35

Family Discount \* new for 2020

For families with two or more family members enrolled in NECOM programs.

Instalment Payment Plan

Pay term fee by instalments - contact NECOM office to agree on a payment plan

Pay Full Year in Advance

Pay full year's fees in advance by the Early Bird deadline for Term 1 (Fri 31 January 2020) and receive an additional discount of 5% off the annual fees. The refund for withdrawal will be calculated on 6 weeks' notice + the initial NECOM discounts given + \*administration fee.

### Tutorial Attendance Policy: Terms & Conditions

**Late Commencements, Missed Tutorials & Refunds**

- New students who enrol after the beginning of the term will be given a pro-rata reduction in fees.
- Tutorials missed will NOT receive a refund under any circumstances.
- 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](mailto:admin@necom.org.au)) to NECOM.
- \*An administration fee of \$25 will apply if a credit or refund is approved due to exceptional circumstances.

### Cancellation of Enrolment & Withdrawal from program

- If you decide to stop being in your ensemble, you must cancel your enrolment and withdraw from the annual program.
- **To cancel your enrolment you must:**
  - o **Notify NECOM office in writing (mail or email [admin@necom.org.au](mailto:admin@necom.org.au)) at least 4 weeks before the start of each term.**
- **If you do not cancel your enrolment, you will be automatically invoiced for your continuing enrolment and must pay the term fee.**
- A telephone call, text or casual conversation with the conductor does not constitute an official written notification to NECOM administration of your cancellation of enrolment.
- Failure to attend tutorials does not constitute cancellation, withdrawal or deferment and fees will remain payable.
- If you forget or fail to give written notice to cancel your enrolment before the first week of the term, you will be liable to pay the full term fee as NECOM has contracted the conductor and purchased repertoire appropriate for the ensemble's student line-up.
- \*An administration fee of \$25 will apply if a credit or refund is approved.