

# NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

## 2022 ADULT INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

**Strings:** violin, viola, cello, double bass  
**Woodwind:** flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon  
**piano, vocal, guitar, drum kit / percussion**



NECOM's Adult Instrumental Program provides instrumental lessons to adults who wish to learn an instrument for the first time or to relearn if they have not played since their childhood days. Often work and family commitments have lessened, and they have time to pursue their interest and love of music. In addition, many see it as an enjoyable way to keep physically active and strong, to challenge the mind and brain, and to develop their creative and expressive skills.

As a member of the Association of NSW Regional Conservatoriums supported by the DoE (Dept of Education) NECOM is also able to offer adult students support including subsidised instrument hire, occasional music workshops with guest musicians, bursaries and concert performances.

### ADULT INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS PROGRAM

NECOM's program includes individual lessons with a NECOM teacher and concert opportunities to develop confidence and performance skills. Program activities include:

- Nine individual 30, 45 or 60 minute lessons per term with a NECOM teacher at the NECOM Campus
- 1-2 concerts each year, including rehearsals for concerts and music exams (if applicable)

### RECOMMENDED LEVELS for ENROLMENT

The lesson time lengths (30, 45 or 60 minutes) are recommended to align to each adult's level of commitment and practice, number of years learning, and standard of repertoire/exam grade that the student aims to achieve in 2022 eg AMEB.

30 minute Lessons: 9 x 30 minute lessons each term (performing repertoire equivalent to Preliminary-Grade 2)  
45 minute Lessons: 9 x 45 minute lessons each term (performing repertoire equivalent to Grades 3-5)  
60 minute Lessons: 9 x 60 minutes lessons each term (performing repertoire equivalent to Grade 6 above)

2022 Instrumental Program	Fee	Options
30 minute lessons (9/term)	\$400	Early Bird Discount
	\$410	Standard
	\$445	Late Fee
45 minute lessons (9/term)	\$595	Early Bird Discount
	\$605	Standard
	\$640	Late Fee
60 minute lessons (9/term)	\$785	Early Bird Discount
	\$795	Standard
	\$830	Late Fee

Deadlines for Payment Options 2022				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Early Bird Discount	Fri 4/2	Fri 6/5	Fri 29/7	Fri 20/10
Standard	Fri 25/2	Fri 27/5	Fri 18/8	Fri 10/11
Late Payment	Payment after Standard Fee Deadline Passes			
Instalment Plan	Devise instalment payment plan with NECOM			

### INSTRUMENT HIRE SERVICE

NECOM hires string, woodwind and brass instruments when the initial cost of buying an instrument is prohibitive for students. 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)

### 2022 NECOM Term Dates (based on NSW Public School terms)

Term 1, 2022	Term 2, 2022	Term 3, 2022	Term 4, 2022
31.01.2022-08.04.2022	26.4.2022-01.07.2022	18.07.2022-23.09.2022	10.10.2022-20.12.2022

# ADULT INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS PROGRAM

Please read through the **Enrolment Terms, Conditions and Policy** required for enrolment.

## Enrolment Terms

- Programs are designed for the full year of sequential activities, and it is assumed that enrolment is for the full year i.e. 4 public school terms.
- To activate enrolment, all students must have completed NECOM's enrolment form.
- Invoices will be sent to account holders approximately 3 weeks before each term commences.
- Term invoices will be automatically sent unless a formal withdrawal has been received with the minimum 4 weeks' notice period.
- It is the responsibility of the Account Holder (parent/guardian/student) to notify the NECOM office of any changes to their contact details.

## Payment 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 Plans** - NECOM offers family payment plans, please contact NECOM office for an application form
- **Early Bird Discount** - NECOM offers a \$10 early bird discount per student per program when fees are paid in full by early bird date
- **Family Member discounts** - NECOM offers family member discounts for second and subsequent siblings at \$10 per sibling (for instrumental tuition only)
- **Pay in Advance discount** - NECOM offers a pay in advance discount of 5% on annual fees paid in advance

## Lesson Attendance Policy, Late Commencements, Missed Lessons & Refunds

- New students who enrol after the beginning of the term may be entitled to a pro-rata reduction in tuition fees.
- Parents/students must give a minimum of 48 hours' notice to their teacher if they cannot attend a lesson so an alternative time can be negotiated. This includes lessons missed due to school activities (eg. carnivals, excursions) or other events.
- Lessons missed with less than 48 hours' notice, or without notice, will not be given a make-up lesson and are not eligible for a refund or credit.
- A make-up lesson may be made up at the discretion of the teacher if the student fell ill or had an accident on the day and it was not possible to give notice to the teacher.
- Makeup lessons will be offered at the teacher's discretion by offering two alternative lesson times – if the parents/student do not take up either of the alternative times, the makeup lesson is forfeited.
- 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 to NECOM.
- Fees are due by week 4 of each term, after which time a late fee may be charged. NECOM reserves the right to suspend or cancel enrolments if accounts remain outstanding.
- 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.

## Withdrawal Policy

- Notification to withdraw or defer lessons must be made giving a minimum of 4 weeks' notice to [admin@necom.org.au](mailto:admin@necom.org.au)
- A telephone call, text or casual conversation with your teacher does not constitute an official written notification of your cancellation of enrolment.