

2022 BEGINNER MUSIC ENSEMBLES



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 Beginner 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 minute tutorials led by specialist conductors and accompanists, in addition to various concerts throughout the year. 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
• Tilbuster Winds Ensemble	Yr 3+ woodwinds and brass	Wednesdays 5.00 – 5.45pm
• Thunderbolt Ensemble	Yr K-6 tuned percussion	Thursdays 4.00 – 4.45pm

2022 BEGINNER MUSIC ENSEMBLES TUTORIALS & PERFORMANCE Dates

TERM 1 – 9 tutorials
Strings (Tues): 1, 8, 15, 22 Feb; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March; 5 April Tilbusters (Wed): 2, 9, 16, 23 Feb; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March; 6 April Thunderbolt (Thurs): 3, 10, 17, 24 Feb; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March; 7 April

TERM 2 - 9 tutorials
Strings (Tues) 26 April; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 May; 7, 14, 21, 28 June Tilbusters (Wed): 27 April; 4, 11, 18, 25 May; 1, 8, 16, 22, 29 June Thunderbolt (Thurs): 28 April; 5, 12, 19, 26 May; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June
Beginner Music Ensembles Concert: Tues 21 June @ 6.00pm

TERM 3 - 9 tutorials
Strings (Tues): 19, 26 July; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August; 6, 13, 20 Sept Tilbusters (Wed): 20, 27 July; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug; 7, 14, 21 Sept Thunderbolt (Thurs): 21, 28 July; 4, 11, 18, 25 Aug; 8, 15, 22 Sept
Beginner Music Program - Solo Concerts: Tues 30 Aug: 1, 6 Sept, 6pm

TERM 4 – 7 tutorials
Strings (Tues): 11, 18, 25 October; 1, 8, 15, 22 November Tilbusters (Wed): 12, 19, 26 October; 2, 9, 16, 23 November Thunderbolt (Thurs): 13, 20, 27 October; 3, 10, 17, 24 November
Beginner Music Ensembles Christmas Concert: Tues 15 Nov, 6pm

2022 TERM FEE & PAYMENT OPTIONS

BEGINNER/PERC ENS FEE/TERM	Fee	Options
	\$140	Early Bird
	\$150	Standard
	\$185	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 Fee	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

2022 NECOM TERM DATES (based on NSW Public school terms)

(NECOM) Term 1, 2022 31.01.2022-08.04.2022	Term 2, 2022 26.4.2022-01/07.2022	Term 3, 2022 18.07.2022-23.09.2022	Term 4, 2022 10.10.2022-20.12.2022
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2022 BEGINNER MUSIC ENSEMBLES ENROLMENT INFORMATION

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

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
- A telephone call, text or casual conversation with your teacher does not constitute an official written notification of your cancellation of enrolment.