

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

2022 BEGINNER MUSIC PROGRAM

- Instrumental lessons
- Concerts
- Accompaniment



NECOM's Beginner Music Program establishes the vital foundations of good instrumental learning while nurturing and inspiring children in their love of music and performance. The sequential program provides the combination of experiences needed to lay down the best music foundations possible for young musicians. This includes individual lessons with highly qualified and experienced NECOM teachers, ensemble playing, piano accompaniment tutorials and concerts. NECOM also offers subsidised instrument hire and bursary assistance to families.

BEGINNER MUSIC PROGRAM OUTLINE

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| 1. Individual lessons | 8 x 30 minute instrumental lessons each term given at school or NECOM campus by NECOM teachers |
| 2. *Ensembles | Weekly 45 minute tutorials with conductor/accompanist each term (Tues 4-4.45 OR Wed 5-5.45pm) |
| 3. Piano accompaniment | 1 x 30 minute tutorial with a NECOM accompanist each term |
| 4. Concerts | 2-4 Solo and Ensemble concerts each year provide essential performance training |
| 5. Semester reports | A progress report from the instrumental teacher |

Instrumental Lessons

NECOM teachers provide instrumental lessons either at NECOM or at a supportive school that encourages children in their music studies. Parents must notify and discuss their preference to have their children's instrumental lesson at school with their School Administration.

- String For students in Kinder upwards violin, cello, double bass
- Woodwind Usually for students in Yr 3 upwards flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon
- Brass Usually for students in Yr 3 upwards trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba

*Ensembles – Tuesdays @ 4.00-4.45pm or Wednesdays @ 5.00-5.45pm

Playing music together with their peers provides significant and far-reaching benefits to young musicians. It inspires children to develop their listening, co-ordination, technical, social and communication skills. NECOM provides Foundation string and woodwind/brass ensembles on Tuesday/Wednesday afternoons with specialist conductors and accompanists for the following ensembles:

- 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 Ensemble Yr 3+ woodwinds and brass Wednesdays 5.00 – 5.45pm

ENROLMENT FEES per TERM

2022 FOUNDATION PROGRAM	Fee/Tm	Options
	\$400	Early Bird
	\$410	Standard
	\$445	Late Fee
5% discount available on annual fee if paid in advance		

Deadlines for Term Fee 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			

2022 FOUNDATION ENSEMBLES REHEARSAL & 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

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 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 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 Beginner Music Program - Ensembles Christmas Concert: Tues 15 Nov, 6pm

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	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

BEGINNER MUSIC PROGRAM INFORMATION



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



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