

## MINI MINSTRELS PROGRAM 2022

*Music is the fundamental art for children. It is essential to their learning, concentration, aural perception and the way they comprehend the abstract. It allows the child to develop all the faculties that assist learning later on.*



NECOM's popular **Mini Minstrels Early Childhood Music Program** is a fun filled introduction to music for preschool and younger school children - from babies through to 5+ years. As a *Music on the Lap*' program for the child and their mum, dad, grandparent and/or carer, classes take place in a happy environment with inspiring activities such as action songs, dancing, music games, listening, speech rhymes, story-telling with music, improvisation and playing NECOM's beautiful percussion instruments for children.

### Mini Minstrels Program 2022

Classes are offered in a block of 9 weeks (30 or 45 minute classes) in each of the 4 public school terms.

CLASSES	Age	Class length	Day/Time
<b>Babes in Arms</b>	Up to 12 months	30 mins	Thursdays 9.30-10.00am
<b>1 Year Toddlers Class</b>	1yr up to 18 months	30 mins	Fridays 9.30-10.00am
<b>2 Year Class</b>	18 months-2.5 years	30 mins	Thursdays 10.15-10.45am Fridays 10.15-10.45am
<b>Preschool Class</b>	3-5 years	45 mins	Fridays 11.00-11.45am
<b>Family Class</b>	Siblings (Up to 5 years of age)	45 mins	Saturdays 9.00 – 9.45am
<b>Family Class</b>	Siblings (Up to 5 years of age)	45 mins	Saturdays 10.00 -10.45am

Presented by experienced NECOM music education specialists, the sequenced program gradually introduces the music concepts of pitch, beat, rhythm, dynamics and tone colour – all the building blocks for a lifelong love and understanding of music. The program in 2022 offers:

#### Babes in Arms Class and 1 Year Toddlers Class

Classes for our youngest Mini Minstrels introduce a variety of songs, actions, movement activities, music games, listening to music, playing percussion instruments such as bells and mini drums, and story-telling with music.

#### 2 Year Class and Preschool Class

These classes gradually build skills and confidence in singing and memorising tunes, dances and movements of simple songs and rhymes, honing fine and gross motor skills through movement to music and playing a variety of percussion instruments.

#### Family Class

For families with children of mixed ages up to 5 years of age, classes offer musical activities to suit a variety of levels and skills. NB A minimum of 8 enrolments are required for the class to run on Saturday mornings.

#### 2022 NECOM Term Dates (based on 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

## 2022 MINI MINSTRELS ENROLMENT INFORMATION

This is an important summary of our Enrolment Policy. Please read carefully before completing your enrolment.

### Enrolment Terms & Conditions

- 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.

### 2022 Term Fees and Payment Options

Mini Minstrels Program	Fee/Term	Options
9 x 30 minute classes	\$130	Early Bird Discount
	\$140	Standard
	\$175	Late Payment Fee
9 x 45 minute classes (Family class fee is per child)	\$145	Early Bird Discount
	\$155	Standard
	\$190	Late Fee

Deadlines for Payment Options 2022				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<b>Early Bird Discount</b>	<b>Fri 4/2</b>	<b>Fri 6/5</b>	<b>Fri 29/7</b>	<b>Fri 20/10</b>
<b>Standard</b>	Fri 25/2	Fri 27/5	Fri 18/8	Fri 10/11
<b>Late Fee</b>	Payment after Standard Fee deadline passes			

### 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 (plus early bird discount)

### 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.

### Cancellation of Enrolment & Withdrawal from program

- 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.