

# NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

## 2022 FOUNDATION PIANO PROGRAM

- Instrumental lessons
- Concerts
- Accompaniment



NECOM's Foundation Piano 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 - individual lessons with highly qualified and experienced NECOM teachers, ensemble playing and concerts. NECOM also offers bursary assistance to families.

### FOUNDATION 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. Theory lesson      | 1 x 30 minute theory tutorial each term at school or NECOM campus by a NECOM teacher           |
| 3. *Ensemble          | Weekly 45 minute tutorials with conductor/accompanist each term (Thurs 4-4.45pm)               |
| 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 piano 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.

### \*Thunderbolt Percussion Ensemble – Thursdays @ 4.00-4.45pm

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.

### 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 - 10 tutorials
Thunderbolt (Thurs): 3, 10, 17, 24 Feb; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March; 7 April

TERM 2 - 10 tutorials
Thunderbolt (Thurs): 28 April; 5, 12, 19, 26 May; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June <b>Beginner Music Program - Ensembles Concert: Tues 21 June @ 6.00pm</b>

TERM 3 - 9 tutorials
Thunderbolt (Thurs): 21, 28 July; 4, 11, 18, 25 Aug; 8, 15, 22 Sept <b>Beginner Music Program - Solo Concerts: Tues 30 Aug: 1, 6 Sept, 6pm</b>

TERM 4 – 6 tutorials
Thunderbolt (Thurs): 13, 20, 27 October; 3, 10, 17, 24 November <b>Beginner Music Program - Ensembles Christmas Concert: Tues 15 Nov, 6pm</b>

### 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



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## 2022 BEGINNER PIANO ENROLMENT 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](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.