



Thank you for enrolling with the Studio 85 School of Music!

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Studio 85 School of Music!

Studio 85 School of Music prides itself in delivering excellence in individual music tuition with well appointed studios in convenient locations. Our lessons are available for beginner to advanced, ranging from ages 4 and up and in all musical styles. Adult learners are always welcome.

For beginners, we commence with a progressive method program written specifically for Studio 85 School of Music. Upon completion of our progressive method program, students are invited to commence an AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) syllabus. This is an internationally recognised grading process from Preliminary to Grade 8.

Our fun and enthusiastic teaching staff have a wealth of musical experience in individual tuition, group tuition, ensembles, recording and performance. Each year we strive to offer instrumental recitals, themed concerts and annual participation in Eisteddfods.

Thank you for choosing the Studio 85 School of Music for your musical journey!

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Riverstone
184 Garfield Rd West,
Riverstone NSW 2765

Rydalmere
283B Victoria Rd
Rydalmere NSW 2116

Chatswood
621-627 Pacific Hwy
Chatswood NSW 2067

Seven Hills
3/81-83 Station Rd
Seven Hills NSW 2147

1. Fees

1.1 Fee Structure

- a) Fees are invoiced by NSW Public School Terms (in approximately 10 week blocks).
- b) Lessons only run school weeks (no lessons in school holidays, public holidays, or pupil free days) and you are **not** charged for these lessons.
- c) The only reduced fees offered are the Sibling Discount, which only applies when 3 or more siblings are enrolled, and only to children of immediate family (brother/sister).
- d) Invoices are sent via email before the commencement of each new Term, and must be paid by the stated due date. (*See 1.2 Late Fees*)

1.2 Late Fees

- a) If payments are made after the due date, they will incur a \$15.00 late fee.
- b) If fees are not finalised within 14 days of the due date, your child may be discontinued from their lessons.

1.3 Enrolment Fees

- a) As of 1st July 2016, tuition is charged at \$25.00 per 1/2hr lesson at Riverstone, and \$35.00 per 1/2hr lesson at Rydalmere
- b) Workbook fees are charged as required. We recommend the FastTrack method for beginners before moving on to AMEB material. All books and resources are available through The Music Base (www.themusicbase.net or at Shop 3/15 Pitt Street, Riverstone NSW 2765)

1.4 Additional Fees

- a) If a child wishes to swap instruments, they may do so **only** at the beginning or end of the Term. You will be required to purchase the corresponding workbook.
- b) If a workbook is lost, please contact our friendly Studio 85 administration team or The Music Base to purchase a replacement workbook.
- c) AMEB Books and Resources are priced between \$19.95 and \$74.95 depending on instrument and level.
- d) AMEB examination fees range between \$79.00 to \$165.00 depending on instrument and level.

2. Lessons & Conduct

2.1 Attendance

- a) The Studio 85 School of Music is not required to provide make-up lessons, credits, or refunds due to forgotten lessons
- b) We ask parents/guardians/siblings to wait quietly outside without distracting children's lessons.
- c) If a child has four consecutive absences and the Term's tuition has not been paid, they will be discontinued from lessons

2.2 Discontinuation

- a) If you wish to discontinue your child from lessons, please notify us via text, call, email or a written note to the Studio 85 School of Music or charges will apply.
- b) If a student is discontinued mid-Term, you will be required to pay for all attended lessons up to the date of discontinuation.

2.3 Make-Up Lessons

- a) Make-up lessons are only available when the Studio 85 School of Music is given 48 hours notice prior to your a lesson, or a doctor's certificate is provided
- b) If adequate notification is provided, a rescheduled lesson will be offered at some point in the Term when an availability arises in our schedules
- c) Once a time and date has been confirmed and scheduled, the time and date cannot be changed. In the event that a student cannot attend a confirmed make-up lesson, the lesson is forfeited.

- d) All make-up lessons will be finalised by the end of the applicable Term.
 - e) If adequate notification is NOT provided, the lesson must still be paid for with no opportunity for a make-up lesson.
- 2.4 Replacement Tutors
- a) If your tutor cannot make your scheduled lessons, a replacement tutor.
 - b) If we are unable to organise an appropriate replacement and have to cancel your lessons, a credit will be issued.
- 2.5 Studio Conduct
- a) We take pride in our studios by providing good quality instruments for our students to learn on. We appreciate that those attending the studios respect and take care of our instruments; especially the Pianoforte Showroom Pianos.
 - b) Students and family members who wish to wait in the studio must do so in a respectful and quiet manner for students who are in their lessons.

3. Payment

3.1 Payment

- a) Payments are to be made in full before the stated due date on the provided invoice
- b) Payments can be made by the following methods:
 - **Cash** - Please give directly to the Studio 85 School of Music
 - **Cheque** - Payable to 'Studio 85 School of Music'. Please ensure the child's name is written on the back of the cheque.
 - **Credit Card** - Visit www.studio85schoolofmusic.com and click "Pay Your Tuition Fees". 2% surcharge applies.
 - **EFTPOS** - Available at our Riverstone studio, 2% surcharge applies.
 - **Direct Transfer** - Please state student's surname and invoice number as description. *BSB: 112-879 Account No: 446634198 Bank: St George Name: Cool Kids Music Co.*
 - **Cash Deposit** - For cash deposits made in a branch, please state your mobile number as the description

4. AMEB Examinations

4.1 AMEB Materials

- a) Students participating in AMEB and Eisteddfods MUST use original books and under NO circumstances allowed photocopies.
- b) There is an increasing trend in the music teaching industry for parents to use photocopies of music instead of purchasing the books. THIS IS ILLEGAL, not to mention a disadvantage to students who miss out on the additional material and pieces included in the music books.

4.2 Enrolment

- a) We reserve the right not to allow any student to sit their AMEB examination if they appear to be under-prepared. This will result in a loss of exam enrolment fee.
- b) Once true enrolment is sent and paid for, the AMEB organises the exam day and time. This is completely out of our control and cannot be altered.
- c) Exams are usually held at the end of November each year, however we are not informed of the confirmed date until 3 weeks prior to the exam. We will be in contact as soon as we are aware of the confirmed exam date/s.
- d) If you are unable to attend the exam time as set by the AMEB, you forfeit the exam fee and this is not transferable or refundable.

4.2 Results

- a) AMEB examination results are usually delivered 2 weeks after exams have taken place
- b) Once we receive these results, they are emailed to parents
- c) Physical copies of certificates are issued upon successful completion of exams, and replacement certificates are available for purchase for \$25.00 each.

5. Frequently Asked Questions

- 5.1 Q: Do your tutors hold Working with Children Checks?
A: Yes. All our of our tutors must have a Working with Children Check. We do not allow our tutors to teach with out a Working with Children's Check.
- 5.2 Q: Can I get feedback on my child's progress?
A: Yes. Your tutor can tell you your child's progress and how to improve on pieces, and recommend exercises or specific practice details.
- 5.3 Q: Are there any performance opportunities?
A: Every effort is made to hold an annual concert is held where students perform a piece with other students. This allows them to work with other students and gain experience with doing ensemble work.
- 5.4 Q: Can I pay by the week?
A: No. Fees are invoiced by the school term; this is approximately 10 lessons. If you cannot pay your invoice in full please contact our office to arrange a payment to be made in 2 or 3 instalments.
- 5.5 Q: What do I do to discontinue lessons?
A: To discontinue lessons please notify via email, or SMS or charges will still apply.
- 5.6 Q: Can two or more children share a lesson?
A: Unfortunately, no. this is an individual lesson, and for the learning and development of each child to learn at their own pace, one child at a time only.

6. Instruments

- 6.1 Instruments
- Instruments are supplied in the Studios for your child to use throughout the lesson. You will not need to bring your instrument.
 - We appreciate that those attending the studios respect and take care of our instruments; especially the Pianoforte Showroom Pianos.
- 6.2 Instrument Purchase
- If you wish to purchase an instrument, please visit our suppliers:
 - The Music Base
Locally owned and operated, The Music Base specialises in musical resources and sales, hire & service. All AMEB materials are available for purchase in store at 3/15 Pitt Street, Riverstone NSW 2765 and online at www.themusicbase.net.au. (02) 9627 6676
 - The Pianoforte
The Pianoforte are a family operated business that have been running since 1987. They have three locations in Chatswood, Rydalmere and Seven Hills. Let them take care of all your Piano, Piano Accessories, and Piano services. More information can be found at www.pianoforte.com.au.
- 6.3 Reports & Tutor Feedback
- Reports are available upon request
 - Reports are distributed via email

7. Practise Guideline

7.1 Practise Guideline

- a) To work to how long your child should practise their instrument at home depends on how long the child has been learning and how old they are. We recommend following this guideline:

AGE x YEARS LEARNING = MINUTES (3 x a week)

For example, John is 8 and has been learning for 2 years. His practise should be 16 minutes, three times a week, or the equivalent of this. If you are still unsure, your tutor can provide more information.



**Thank you for choosing the Studio
85 School of Music and we look
forward to creating a music future
for you or your child.**

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