

ARTARMON GUITAR PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR 2023

Welcome to the Artarmon Public School Guitar Program!

Our Objectives are:

- That all children enjoy making and learning music
- That all children develop their playing skills

In 2023, the Guitar program will be part of the Artarmon Public School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) Music Programs and will be available to students in years 3 to 6 only.

Lessons are catered to all levels from complete beginners upward. The program focuses on reading music for guitar, guitar basics, and enjoying a wide range of music.

Beginners that have little or no experience in guitar are placed in the Training Guitar group for the first semester. In second semester they may join Junior Guitar ensemble (after successful audition).

All students registered in the Guitar program (except for training group) are required to join one of two ensembles:

- Junior Guitar – for students with previous guitar experience
- Senior Guitar – Advanced players

All students in the Guitar program have a weekly lesson either with one of the professional tutors at school or a tutor outside of school. Junior and Senior guitar will also have a weekly ensemble rehearsal session.

It is a requirement of the Guitar program that students in Junior and Senior guitar attend two sessions of music:

- **Weekly individual tuition**
- **Plus weekly Ensemble Rehearsal**

Instruments are available to hire from school by expression of interest and subject to availability.

Communication will mostly occur through the weekly/fortnightly Newsflash or direct emails.

Please see the FEES, HIRE FEES and ASSOCIATED COSTS section on page 2 for an understanding of the total cost of the program.

1. REGISTRATION FOR THE GUITAR PROGRAM

We accept applications from students who will be in Years 3 to 6 in 2023, at any skill level from beginner upwards. We are unable to accept students in Years 2 or below, even if they already play guitar, but look forward to having them when they reach Year 3.

New members of the Guitar Program need to be registered using our online administration system, MySchoolMusic. To register your child please **READ THIS DOCUMENT FIRST** then go to

<https://portal.msmusic.com.au/artarmonmusic>

- If you already have a child in the music program, please log in to the MySchoolMusic parent portal, click on the Add Student button and complete the registration screens.
- Otherwise, click on the New Student Registration button and complete the registration screens, which includes setting up a password for our music program parent portal. The deadline for new student registrations is **Friday 9th December**.

Year 2+3 try-outs and auditions for current students will be held in Term 1 2023. Times to be determined.

2. INSTRUMENT ALLOCATION

If your child is new to the guitar, we will arrange an assessment at school to identify a suitable sized instrument for your child to learn.

Beginners that have little or no experience in guitar are placed in the Training Guitar group for the first semester. In second semester they may join Junior Guitar ensemble (after successful audition).

If your child already plays the guitar, we will arrange an audition at school to place your child in an ensemble which best suits their skills and experience.

3. FEES, HIRE FEES and ASSOCIATED COSTS

Fees for the Guitar Program can add up to a significant amount over the year. While every effort is made to space it out over the year, some costs are required up front at the beginning of the program:

Fees:

- Guitar Ensemble Fees (all non-refundable) – invoiced and to be paid in Term 1 (Creative Kids Vouchers can be put towards ensemble fees.)
 - Junior Guitar - \$400 per year (payable after successful audition)
 - Senior Guitar - \$400 per year (payable after successful audition)
- Tutor Fees (for tutorials at school)
 - Training guitar group tutorial (non-refundable) - \$300 per semester (paid into Guitar bank account in Term 1 and Term 3)
 - Individual tutorial (students in Junior and Senior Guitar) - \$43 per 30-minute lesson (paid directly to tutor each term – may require GST).
 - Music Books (purchased by student and recommended by tutor) – approx. \$60.
- Uniform (required for formal performances, festivals, and competitions)
 - White pointed collar long sleeved shirt with black formal pants, black socks, and black school shoes: shirts and pants are available from the school uniform shop or may be purchased elsewhere e.g., Kmart, Lowes, etc. - approx. \$60 for shirt & pants; Music Tie, only available from school uniform shop - \$20.
- Instrument Hire – (all non-refundable) – invoiced and to be paid in Term 1
Guitars come in varying sizes to suit the size of the student and may be available for hire through the Music Committee through expression of interest. The cost of hiring an instrument through the Music Committee is:
 - Guitar - \$50

Example costings:

Training guitar group

\$600 group tuition (\$300 per semester x 2 semesters)

\$50 guitar instrument fees (subject to instrument availability)

Total = \$650 (or \$550 with creative kids' voucher)

Junior/Senior Guitar

\$400 ensemble fees (if using Creative Kids voucher - \$100, so new total is \$300)

\$50 guitar instrument fees (subject to instrument availability)

\$1720 tuition (\$430 per term x 4 terms)

Total = \$2170 (or \$2070 with creative kids' voucher)

We will email invoices to parents for ensemble fees, group tutorial fees and instrument hire fees (as applicable). Prompt payment is appreciated; our treasurer is a parent volunteer (as are all the administrators) and does not wish to chase unpaid invoices!

4. INSTRUMENT HIRE

Guitars may be available for hire from the school by expression of interest. We highly recommend that if you are considering purchasing an instrument you consult with your instrument tutor before making the purchase. Guitars come in varying sizes to suit the size of the student.

Due care of the hired instrument is required, and full responsibility must be taken by the student and their parents/carers. In the event of any damage, this must be firstly reported to your tutor and a way forward will be provided.

5. TUITION INFORMATION

All students who participate in the Guitar Program are expected to take lessons (either at school or externally) for Guitar. Only students who are in Years 3 to 6 and who are currently in the Guitar program can be tutored at school.

Students in Training guitar group participate in group tutorials at school. These are 30 minute lessons, held outside class time, either before school between 7:50 a.m. and 8:50 a.m., or at lunch time. Groups will have between 3 to 4 students. If a student is unable to attend a group tutorial because of illness/appointment, there will be one makeup group tutorial available per term. These makeup group tutorials will be in Week 9 or 10. We do not offer individual tutorials for Training guitar group students; all training guitar group are required to participate in group tutorials at school for the year.

For students that are in years 4 to 6 and are placed in Junior or Senior Guitar, students can have tutorials at school, or you can arrange an external private tutor. School tutorials for students in years 4 to 6 are individual tutorials (30 minutes). Most individual tutorials are held during class time; the guitar program has the support of the school to withdraw students from class for a weekly instrument tutorial. Lesson times are determined by the tutor and the school (class teacher).

In addition to the tuition, students in Junior and Senior guitar also participate in ensemble sessions to play as a group with their peers and learn how to take cues from the conductor.

One month's notice is to be given if school tutorials are to be discontinued or you will need to pay for lessons for this equivalent period.

Our Tutor Coordinator will advise you by email of your child's tutorial details and provide you with a copy of the Tutor Policy.

If you have any questions regarding tutorials, please refer to the Tutor Policy or contact our Tutor Coordinator via the email provided in Contacts at the end of this pack.

6. GUITAR REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE COMMITMENTS

Rehearsals

Rehearsal times are as follows:

Ensemble	Time	Location
Junior Guitar	Wednesday 1pm- 1:40pm (lunchtime)	Music Room
Senior Guitar	Wednesday 7:45am – 8:45am	School Hall

For rehearsals that are before school, students should arrive at school promptly at 7.45 am so that the rehearsal can start by 7.50 am. Students should not be dropped at school any earlier than this as there is no supervision before this time.

Rehearsals for Junior and Senior Guitar ensembles will commence in Term 1, the date of the first rehearsal will be confirmed at the start of term (likely to be week 3).

Performances

Junior and Senior Guitar participate in performances at school including at Concourse Concert, Open Days, Assemblies and Carols Night. The performance calendar varies from year to year and participation is compulsory and expected.

Events

Students participating in Guitar Program may be required to attend either the annual Music Intensive or the annual Music Camp. There are additional costs associated with attending Music Camp. These are usually held over a weekend and dates will be advised early in the year.

All Junior and Senior Guitar students are required to attend all rehearsals and performances for their Ensemble. If you are unable to attend a weekly rehearsal (e.g. due to sickness, appointment etc.) please email the Guitar convenor to let us know.

If you are unable to attend a performance, please email the Guitar convenor at least one month prior – our ensembles perform as teams and are dependent upon the attendance and performance of all students together.

7. GUITAR PROGRAM COMMITMENT FOR PARENTS

The Guitar Program, as part of the Artarmon Public School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C), engages professional musicians including our Guitar Tutors.

The administration of the Guitar Program is run entirely by a group of parent volunteers. The Guitar Program needs parental help for things to run smoothly and to give the greatest opportunities to the students. If your child is a part of the Guitar Program, you will be required to help out from time to time.

8. COMMUNICATION

All communications will be provided to you from the Guitar Convenor via email. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you provide us with a regularly checked email address so that we can keep you up to date with details of rehearsals, lessons, events, etc.

Please provide us (on the MySchoolMusic registration) with a personal (not work) email address to avoid potential problems with personal emails not reaching work addresses, change of jobs etc. We have experienced problems with email addresses ‘...@qq.com’ so would appreciate you supplying a different email address (e.g. Gmail, Hotmail etc).

Your primary contact for Guitar enquiries is your Guitar Convenor. You can also contact members of the Music committee as required on the email addresses given at the end of this document. Please ensure these email addresses are only used for Guitar Program purposes.

We will also share information through the school newsletter Newsflash. Please check Newsflash each week. Newsflash updates will not contain all the information, they are highlights to remind and prompt. Please always refer to emails from your Guitar Convenor.

We use the MySchoolMusic parent portal (<https://portal.msmusic.com.au/>) for online permission slips (e.g. for attendance at events) and you also need to use the portal to update parent and child details (e.g. class details).

9. THE GUITAR COMMITTEE

The Guitar Committee will be part of the P&C Music Committees in 2023. The program is run solely by parent volunteers. Because some families are leaving the school next year, we have several openings for roles, in addition to the regular help with events that we need throughout the year. Note - This list changes during the year. See Newsflash for the latest contact details.

There is a lot of information to take in here, we know! We look forward to seeing you! and your child this year. Thank you for your time in reading this!

ROLE	PERSON	CONTACT
Guitar Convenor	Gloria	guitar.artarmonpandc@gmail.com
Treasurer	TBD for 2023	
Tutor Coordinator	TBD for 2023	tutorband.atarmonpandc@gmail.com
Instrument Coordinator	TBD for 2023	
Creative Voucher Coordinator	TBD for 2023	