

Learning an Instrument at Waitākiri School

We are thrilled to be able to offer music lessons at Waitākiri School. Students can learn a wide range of instruments and vocals(singing) through Shirley District Music School (SDMS) and through private tutors at school.

SDMS (Shirley District Music School)

There will be plenty of opportunities at Waitākiri for students to learn the violin, cello, flute, saxophone, and clarinet. They will be able to hire an instrument for the year. Rates are very reasonable for instrument hire as well as for lessons. For more information please contact Janet Simon (shirleydistrictmusic@gmail.com).

Private Tutors

Joel (Bass, drums, electric guitar)

The bass, drums and guitar lessons are run as individual lessons. 20-minute weekly lessons are \$20 per lesson (or \$200 for a 10-week term). 30-minute weekly lessons are \$25 per lesson (or \$250 for a 10-week term). To learn drums your child is not required to have a drum set at home. For guitar and bass, it is preferable for them to have an instrument at home for practice.

Ian and Jill Swansbury (Piano/Keyboard)

Ian and Jill offer in-school weekly piano/piano keyboard lessons at a cost of \$22.00 per individual 30-minute lesson. The Foundationz music programme they teach was written by Ian and prepares students to sight-read piano music at a high level. A piano or piano keyboard must be available for home practice and students must be at least in year three or seven years of age to begin lessons. For parents who need to purchase a keyboard, Ian has a supply of *brand new* Medeli piano keyboards which are available at second hand prices.

Claire (Vocals)

Vocal (singing) lessons with Claire are 30 minutes and in groups of 3. The cost is \$150 a term (based on a 10-week term).

Rock Bands

Joel will be continuing both the junior and senior Waitākiri School Rock Bands in 2023. Being part of the Rock Band is extra to learning lessons and is optional. The Rock Band is generally auditioned at the beginning of the year. If your child learns an instrument elsewhere they are also welcome to audition for the Rock Band. Rock Band will cost \$7 per lesson, the school will cover any additional cost.

For more information about our private tutors, please contact Chelsea Roycroft nicola.brogan-brown@waitakiri.school.nz