



7 November 2025

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION IN 2025

PARENT INFORMATION LETTER

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Dear Parents,

Applications to learn an instrument in 2025 through our Instrumental Tuition Program are now invited.

Liwara's Instrumental Music Tuition program is now in its 30th year and in that time has given many students the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument and to experience the joy and sense of accomplishment it can bring. Additionally, the developmental benefits of learning to play a musical instrument are well recognised and documented in research studies undertaken over many years in many parts of the world.

Many Liwara ex-students play in school bands, ensembles and orchestras and sing in choirs & vocal groups when they go to high school. The ability to play an instrument and participate in music-making with others, is a valuable gift for anyone -and it's one which can last and bring enjoyment throughout your life. Some past Liwara students have also gone on to pursue a career in the performing arts fields

We are blessed at Liwara to have very dedicated and well qualified tutors who continue to share their gift of music and help students develop their skill on their chosen instruments. You have probably seen some of our music students performing in the Music Assemblies held once each term in the Liwara Hall. The final Music Performance Assembly for 2024 will be on Friday, 15 November at 2.20pm.

About the Program

As a general rule, tuition is offered to students from Year 3 up. Occasionally exceptions to this guideline may be made. If you have any questions about the program please feel free to contact me. In 2025 we will be offering private tuition in **Clarinet, Drums, Flute, Fife, Guitar, Piano, Trumpet, Violin and Voice**.

Tuition in trumpet, flute, clarinet and drums is usually offered to students in Years 4, 5, and 6, however, **students in Year 3 who are interested in playing the flute or another woodwind instrument may begin on the fife [which is smaller and easier to blow for younger children] and transfer to their chosen instrument later in 2025 or in the following year.** This is an excellent 'way in' to learning a wind instrument. It means that the students can begin learning to read music and acquire transferable technique and skills, but they are not struggling to deal with an instrument which is beyond their physical size or breath capacity. For violin and guitar students half size instruments are available, so physical size is not a problem for these instruments

There are limited numbers of FLUTES, CLARINETS, TRUMPETS & VIOLINS and a few GUITARS available for hire through the school. Please indicate on the enrolment sheet [see over] if you would like to be considered for this option. A fife & lesson book can be bought at the start of 2025 through Miss Rachael Perry, our flute teacher, for about \$50 [for younger or physically smaller students who can begin on fife then go on to the flute.

Please Note: A commitment to tuition for the full year is expected. This is necessary for several important reasons:

- It helps establish for the students an important principle in life: - that when you take something on you commit yourself to it and don't give up at the first sign of difficulty.
- Our very well qualified and skilled instrumental teachers rely on the income from lessons for their livelihood and many of them have turned down the opportunity to take students at other schools because of their commitment to Liwara and our students.
- Playing a musical instrument is a skill, and it does take time and practice to develop. At least a year is necessary to discover potential and to allow students to experience the joy of personal achievement through application and effort.

It is only in EXCEPTIONAL cases therefore and after discussion between Mrs Rose, the parents and the child's tutor that permission may be given for a child to withdraw early from the program. In such a case, at least 6 weeks' notice of intention must be given IN WRITING TO Mrs Rose and the tutor concerned, or fees will be charged in lieu of notice.

If you would like your child to be a part of the instrumental tuition program in 2025 please complete the attached application form [one form for each student please] and return it to the school office by **THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2024.**

N.B Current students should also submit an application form to continue their lessons next year.

Students should have a desire to play and **be prepared to practise regularly.** Obviously, they need regular access to an instrument to practise on. Parents, as **your encouragement and support are necessary** to help your child develop good practice routines, so keep in touch with your child's tutor so any difficulties or problems can be addressed readily.

Music lessons are for 30 minutes and are scheduled on a rotating timetable, so students do not miss the same classroom session each week.

Tuition fees are to be paid in advance directly to your child's tutor. Invoices will be sent out at beginning of each term.

FEES FOR 2025: - 30 minute individual lesson: - \$37 per lesson

Instrument Hire - \$80.00 per semester [40.00 per term

Please direct any enquiries to Mrs Rose through the school office. Application forms [attached] should be completed and returned to the school office by **Thursday, 28 November.** Earlier is even better!

Thank you,
Mary Rose

Liwara Instrumental Music Tuition Program Co-Ordinator

APPLICATION TO RECEIVE INSTRUMENTAL TUITION IN 2025

This completed application form to be returned by **28 November 2024 (or earlier)**

[Please fill out a separate sheet for each student you wish to enrol]

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CHILD'S NAME		YEAR LEVEL (2025)	
PARENT'S NAMES			
ADDRESS			
EMAIL			
CONTACT PHONE		MOBILE	

My child would like to receive tuition at Liwara in 2025 on the following instrument:

Tick the appropriate box.

CLARINET	
FLUTE	
FIFE in preparation for playing FLUTE	
GUITAR	
DRUMS	

TRUMPET	
PIANO	
VIOLIN	
VOICE	

CONTINUING ENROLMENT

NEW ENROLMENT

The school has a number of flutes, clarinets trumpets and violins available for hire and possibly 1 or 2 guitars. Fifes & lesson book can be purchased from the tutor for approximately-\$50 at beginning of 2025.

I would be interested in hiring a _____ if one is available.

****I understand that tuition is for the full year.**

(In exceptional circumstances and only after discussion with Mrs. Rose and the tutor, a student may be permitted to withdraw during the year, but at least 6 weeks' notice of intention to withdraw must be given to Mrs Mary Rose in writing or fees will be charged in lieu of notice).

*I understand I must make a commitment to practise each day. [20 minutes is recommended and parental support in this very important.]

*I understand that it is the student's responsibility to know when their lesson is scheduled, to come prepared for the lesson and to attend lessons punctually. Students are also responsible to find out and catch up on work missed in class while they are at their music lesson.

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date received: _____