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## Keyboard Programme in Schools

Dear Parents,

A keyboard programme is available at your school either during school hours or after school. The benefits of this programme can be of enormous value to your child. Beyond the obvious musical expertise, your child will gain greater concentration, reading and hand-eye co-ordination skills that will extend to other areas of the core curriculum. It has been proven in tests that children learning keyboard **significantly improved** their own performance in subjects such as reading, writing and maths thus increasing their confidence and self-esteem.

The Programme is devised for small groups of no more than five children. In this way the needs of individuals can still be met whilst also making use of the many possibilities of playing music in a group setting. The group lessons also focuses more strongly on accurate rhythm using backing rhythms than traditional methods of learning keyboard.

Special advantages and features of this programme include:

- Experienced, highly qualified fully accredited VMTA (Victorian Music Teachers' Association) teacher
- Small groups of no more than five (often only four) children per teacher
- Low cost lessons at only \$18.00 per week with a VIT registered teacher
- Each child plays their own keyboard during lessons
- Extra free music and worksheets provided from time to time to supplement the books used
- Use of your own headphones (with 6.5 mm adaptor) or other headphones for individual practice
- Private lessons are also available at \$45 per half hour lesson (\$450 per ten week term)
- Advice given on good keyboards (get a touch sensitive one at the very least).

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**Keyboard Programme Enrolment Form** *please detach this section and post to the above address*

Name of School		
Student's Surname		
Given Name		
Date of Birth	-- --	Grade <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher
Parent/Guardian's Surname	Mr/Mrs/Ms	
Given Name		
Address (for billing purposes)		
Town and postcode		Email
Telephone	(home)	(work / mobile)

Please complete additional details overleaf and **post** to the address at the top of this form.

**Conditions of Enrolment:** (Please keep this section for your records. It contains important information)

1. Lessons are \$18.00 per week and payable by the term (e.g. a term of ten weeks will cost you only \$180.00 incl. GST). Book costs are extra, usually about \$10-\$16 per book
2. Lessons cannot be stopped in the middle of the term
3. From the time of enrolment your child is considered to be enrolled until written notice is given advising our office **at least two weeks before the start of the next term** in which you wish to stop the lessons. (Other wise you will be billed for the next term of lessons).
4. Fees are due **before** the beginning of each term. Overdue fees may mean your child is barred from lessons until the account is paid in full as well as incurring an accounting and administration fee of \$15.00 per term.

**Costs**

1. Lessons are \$18.00 each and payable by the term only.
2. Music books, usually \$10-\$16 and rarely more than two per year.
3. Bring your own headphones and ensure at home you have a suitable **touch sensitive** keyboard or piano.

**Your Bill:**

Will be sent to you. **Please DO NOT send any money via the school.** Payment must be posted or paid via the internet. When your bill arrives please pay by the due date or a late fee of \$15.00 may be charged and/or you will miss some of your lesson entitlement.

**More about the programme**

The keyboard lessons will be conducted during school hours or after school depending upon availability, and lessons are half an hour in duration. The keyboards have a variety of sounds and rhythms built in to make practice and performance more exciting. The children will play as a group all at the same time (as in an orchestra) and also have the opportunity for individual practice and attention by means of their headphones (which you will have to provide). The songs featured in the programme are drawn from classical, jazz, pop, TV shows, original songs, traditional children’s songs and folk songs. All material is designed to be used flexibly to allow easier playing styles as well as more extended and difficult versions. With additional daily practice at home this is an exciting way for your child to get involved in music using today’s methods and technology. **Please keep this half of the form** for your reference (i.e. cut off the bottom part) should you need to communicate with me. It has the conditions of enrolment that you agree to and my address and phone number.

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**Special information about your child**

Has your child had any piano / keyboard lessons before?

If so, to which level?

Please list any health problems hearing disorders, special medical requirements, integration needs, etc.

I wish to enrol my son / daughter in this keyboard programme and request that he / she be released from the care of the school into the keyboard teacher’s care for the duration of the lessons. I understand that lessons are payable by the term at the rate of \$18.00 per lesson and unreservedly agree to the above conditions of enrolment **which I will keep for future reference.** (Please do not sign this if you do not understand the conditions. Contact our office or get assistance before signing.)

Signed ..... Date .....

Please complete all details, sign and cut off the bottom of this form and mail to Peter Hagen, PO Box 327, Broadford, 3658; telephone 5784 3884. You will soon receive an invoice for the whole term which will be payable within two weeks.