



# XAVIER

HIGH SCHOOL ALBURY

10 October 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## Re: Instrumental Tutoring

Instrumental music lessons will again be available at Xavier High School in 2023. Xavier High School collaborates with instrumental teachers of music providing students with the opportunity for private lessons within school hours. If there are not sufficient numbers of students for a particular instrument, arrangements can often be made to seek tutoring outside of school hours.

The attached list gives details of our instrumental teachers and relevant fees. Please note that shared lessons can be arranged with individual tutors at a reduced fee per student. Each teacher will supply prospective students with information regarding the method and timing of payment of fees which are paid directly to the teacher or Murray Conservatorium, not the school office.

Instrumental lessons are rostered at a set time each week. In view of our current 10 day timetable arrangements, it is the responsibility of the student to catch up on any school work missed due to instrumental lessons and failure to do this can result in the school canceling a student's instrumental lessons. Please advise if you would prefer a lesson at lunch, recess, before or after school and the teacher will do their best to accommodate your request.

There is some possibility for instrumental students to use school brass, woodwind and string instruments for lessons and home practice but the availability of these instruments varies according to the needs of the classroom music students. Further information on the use of specific school instruments is available from Mrs Files or Mr Fahey.

If you require any further information regarding instrumental lessons please feel free to contact myself, Mr Fahey or Mrs Jayne Stringer via the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Anne Files  
Instrumental Music Coordinator

Mr Shane Piper  
Leader of Learning & Teaching



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**XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL  
INSTRUMENTAL LESSON FEES – 2023**

<b><u>Teacher</u></b>	<b><u>Instrument</u></b>	<b><u>Price Per Half Hour Lesson</u></b>	<b><u>Availability</u></b>
Jacque Dainer	Piano & Keyboard	\$30/half hr	Mondays
Niki Strauss	Popular Voice	\$35/half hr	Thursdays
Brett Naylor	Guitar/Bass	\$30/half hr	Wednesdays
Gary McDonald	Drums	\$30/half hr	Wednesdays
Tony Smith (Murray Conservatorium)	Trumpet & Saxophone	Prices as per the Murray Conservatorium	Please contact the Conservatorium
Eliza Nichols	Voice	\$20/half hr	

\*Please note that arrangements can be made to share lessons thereby reducing the weekly fee. Please also refer to the Murray Conservatorium Enrolment Schedule for the Conservatorium teachers as this may vary.

## Xavier High School Instrumental Music Program ENROLMENT FORM

*Please detach and return to the office*

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year Level \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument/Group \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email \_\_\_\_\_

***I have read the attached information and agree to pay the relevant teacher the appropriate fees. I have also noted that lessons can be stopped if the student abuses the privilege of leaving regular school lessons and understand that in this case there is no refund of fees. I also note that if a student wishes to cease lessons, the balance of the term's payment is still due to the tutor.***

***If a student is unable to attend the scheduled lesson, the tutor must be contacted beforehand to arrange another lesson time or make other arrangements.***

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

***Following enrolment, parents will be contacted directly by the relevant instrumental teacher who will advise all arrangements regarding the payment of fees. Generally the minimum length of enrolment is one school term with fees payable in advance.***

## **Xavier High School Music Tutors – 2023**



### **Jacque Dainer (Piano/Keyboard)**

I am a piano teacher from the local Albury Wodonga region. Having 28 years of teaching experience, I offer comprehensive and flexible piano lessons for all ages. I support the personal and academic possibilities music tuition presents, teaching in both school and studio settings. I encourage music theory and practice, catering for a range of musical needs and interests. I am a confident performer and teacher, playing in a range of styles including classical, jazz, contemporary and sacred music. I have a strong professional background and passion for preparing students for AMEB\* based exams. 25 years experience as an AMEB teacher-Piano (Classical) and Piano for Leisure syllabi. 22 years teaching Kids on Keyboards (teaching in Primary schools throughout Albury/Wodonga region). Preliminary to 8th Grade AMEB\* Piano Exam certificates. 1st to 5th Grade AMEB\* Theory Exam certificates



### **Niki Strauss (Contemporary Voice)**

Having worked as a vocal coach for almost 20 years, some of her training highlights include working with Rob Guest and Michael Leighton Jones for Italian opera and musical theatre training, Deirdre Paillas for musical theatre and acapella work, Steven Ford for harmony and gospel work, Gemma Turner for breath control, folk and vocal control, acapella and vocal harmony retreat and training with the group 'The Idea of North', has completed units in a bachelor of performance and attends workshops for jazz, blues, folk and all inbetween at the festival of voices in Hobart regularly.

She also teaches vocal ensemble classes for Sharyn Hill School of Performing Arts.

Some of her Stage highlights-Cosette in Les miserables, a reporter in Chicago, singing ensemble for CATS and Jersey boys , Nicola and vocal direction for Kinky boots, Killer Queen and vocal direction for We will rock you

In 2020 she completed an intensive 8 week vocal coach workshop with vocal lab in Adelaide, and a musical theatre intensive with NIDA

Niki is passionate about teaching vocal health and bringing out the best voice you can have in her students



### **Brett Naylor (Guitar)**

Brett is an award winning Guitarist / Producer / Songwriter based in Regional Victoria.

He has over 25 years of private teaching experience covering all things guitar in many styles including

Rock, Pop, Metal, Blues, Funk, Folk and Country.

Brett also has over 25 years experience of playing in live bands and duo's across Australia including Corporate bands and tribute shows for iconic acts like INXS, Michael Buble and Maroon 5.

Brett is the owner of "Nayla Audio". A music business that provides many guitar based services including Tuition, Online session work and the Composition / Production of music for Television / Film / Multi-Media Outlets and Artists.

All guitar lessons are customised for each student to meet their individual requirements in their preferred music styles of choice.



### **Gary McDonald**

Gary is a full time professional musician and drum tutor who has studied music both formally and independently.

Gary undertook certificate IV in contemporary music performance through the Riverina Institute of TAFE in 2002, has attained all four grades of the A.M.E.Bs contemporary drum set syllabus and has taken lessons with many of the world's most respected drummers. Gary has experience in playing a wide range of contemporary styles (Rock, Pop, Blues, Funk, Metal, Country etc) as well as having played in big bands, marching bands, as well as many musical theatre productions.

Over the years Gary has taught in primary schools, high schools, as well as private music education institutions, has attained certificate IV in training and assessing and is currently working in several high schools around the region as an instrumental music tutor.



### **Tony Smith (Trumpet & Saxophone)**

With over 35 years of experience in the music industry, Tony has played bass with artists such as Ricky May, Marcia Hines, Daly Wilson Big Band, Julian Lee Big Band and Billy Field. He has studied with Don Burrows, Judy Bailey, George Golla, (the late great) Ed Gaston and Graham Wilson (The Four Kinsmen). Tony can be seen playing bass, guitar/vocals (in a solo rock show), ukulele, trumpet and trombone at many events around the Border Region.

He is a qualified music arranger, and has vast experience in creating and refining arrangements for large and small ensembles. He is skilled in all aspects of the digital side of the art, using computers for arranging (with the Sibelius software), composing (with MIDI, synthesizers, samples and loops) and recording (electronic and audio).

Tony plays trumpet and trombone while arranging for the Murray Con's Big Band, Wodonga Brass and Albury City Band. BMath (Canberra Uni) PhD Mathematics (Canberra Uni) Diploma Jazz Studies (Conservatorium)



### **Eliza Nichols (Voice)**

Eliza is an accomplished singer with a love for musical theatre. Having completed her HSC in singing and receiving a band 6, her passion is sharing her knowledge and vocal technique to help students shine on stage!

Eliza has an extensive performing history in Albury-Wodonga within local musical productions, choirs, showcases and bands, providing her with experience in multiple genres and styles of the voice.

Eliza offers lessons in contemporary and theatrical singing.