

CHAMBER GROUP POLICY 2018

Commitment & Conduct:

1. Rehearsals for **Chamber Group** are on **Mondays from 3:15 – 4:15pm** in the music rooms, commencing in the first week of term and ending in the last week of term unless otherwise notified.
2. All members of DHSVAD school music ensembles will strive to be reliable, punctual, and prepared, attend all rehearsals, assist in setting up and packing up and behave in a respectful manner to others.
3. All members of school music ensembles at DHSVAD are required to pay an **ensemble fee of \$200 per year**. Students belonging to multiple music ensembles will only be required to pay one set of fees.
4. All students in elective music (years 9 – 12) are required to be a member of a music ensemble in order to fulfill course requirements.
5. The parent/guardian will provide a written explanation for any missed rehearsals.
6. The student will remain committed to attending band rehearsals for the entire term.
7. The student will endeavor to be available for all band performances, which may include week nights and weekends, and may be in or outside the school premises.
8. The student will give at least 2 weeks' notice in writing if unable to attend a performance.
9. The student will practise Chamber Group music in their own time on a regular basis.
10. The student/guardian will inform the music ensembles coordinator Mr. O'Donnell at the beginning of a new term in writing if the student decides to discontinue Chamber Group. Otherwise, the student will continue to be considered as a member of the Chamber Group and will therefore be required to pay music ensemble fees.

Music Tutors:

1. The student will have weekly private lessons with a tutor. Students may continue learning with an existing tutor if they prefer.
2. It is the student/guardian's responsibility to contact and follow up with the tutor in arranging a regular lesson time and venue. All tutor fees are to be paid directly to the tutor.

Communication:

1. Communication for chamber group will be in the form of hard copy notes as well as on the *Enews* app on their smart phone. Parents/guardians and students will be able to receive notifications directly via email and/or on their smart phone.

Uniform:

1. The chamber group uniform consists of the **school black polo shirt, long black trousers and closed black leather shoes** which students are expected to purchase for performances.
2. Students are to adhere strictly to this uniform for performances. Variations such as jeans, leggings, shorts, skirts or non-leather shoes will not be accepted.

Fees & Instrument Hire:

1. The parent/guardian will pay all fees and on time. Yearly fees are due on Friday, week 8 of term
2. All fees are non-refundable.
3. Fees are to be paid at the front office. The music teachers will not accept fee money.
4. Students hiring a school instrument must adhere to all components of the **Chamber Group Policy** section. Failure to do so will result in the instrument being immediately returned to the school and fees will not be refunded.
5. Instruments hired internally or externally must be treated with care at all times. All repairs required as a result of damages caused by the student will be paid for by the parent/guardian. School instruments requiring services due to normal wear and tear will be paid for by the school.

The band fee options are as follows:

- **Own Instrument – music ensemble fee only:** \$200 for the year to be *paid in full before term 1, Friday, week 8.*
- **Hiring a school instrument plus music ensemble fee:** \$320 per year to be *paid in full before Term 1, Friday, week 8.* Please note that school instruments are limited and are loaned on a first come, first serve basis.
- **Externally hired instrument plus music ensemble fee:** The instrument fee will be dependent upon the type of instrument and will be in addition to the band fee.

Instruments are externally hired in the event of the school not owning the required instrument to hire, or if a school instrument is already loaned to another student. The school hires the instrument on behalf of the student and the student pays the hire fee to the school. The cost of hire will vary depending upon the type of instrument and from where it is hired. The music faculty will strive to find the cheapest hire option available for the required instrument.

Students also have the option of hiring an instrument from music stores directly, resulting in a direct agreement between parent/guardian and the music store. If this option is chosen, the student will then be classified as *Own Instrument* in the band fee section.

Please complete and sign the *Chamber Group Contract*, then detach and return to Mr O'Donnell. It is recommended that the student/guardian keep the *Chamber Group Policy* section for their records.

CHAMBER GROUP CONTRACT 2018

I, (name) _____ of class _____ agree to be a member of the Chamber Group. I have read the *Chamber Group Policy* fully and understand all of its contents and agree to fulfil all of the requirements as stated in the *Chamber Group Policy*.

- Instrument: _____
- Instrument's serial number and model: _____
- Tutor's name and phone number: _____

Parent/guardian name: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Fee option (please tick one):

- ☐ **Own Instrument (music ensemble fee only):** \$200 for the year to be *paid in full before term 1, Friday, week 8*.
- ☐ **Hiring a school instrument plus music ensemble fee:** \$320 per year to be *paid in full before term 1, Friday, week 8*.
- ☐ **Externally hired instrument plus music ensemble fee (to be completed by music teachers):**
\$_____ per term or \$_____ per year.

Parent/guardian

Sally Hillier
Chamber Group Director

Neil O'Donnell
Music Ensembles Coordinator

Office Use Only

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