



2026 Terms of Tuition

All lessons are private lessons that can be in person or online.

Tuition

Tuition fees cover:

- Lesson time
- Individualised plans for each student
- Report writing, videos and communication
- Ongoing training and experience
- Professional organisation memberships
- Music lending library
- Supersonics Piano
- Printing, Certificates, Prizes
- Games, equipment, notebooks & scrapbooks
- Studio Incentive programmes
- Rockoutloud Live, online lessons

Please note: Additional event fees may be required for Competitions, Exams or IRMTNZ events

Fees

Fees are paid in advance every month by autopay (credit/debit card). Tuition is spread equally over 12 months and charged from February 1 each year, so the monthly payment remains the same year-round, including December and January. This payment guarantees your place in the studio. If I need to cancel a lesson, I will offer a makeup or credit the lesson.

1. Monthly fees: 30-min \$145 • 40-min \$193 • 1 hour \$290 (until January 2027).
2. Fortnightly 30-minute lessons: \$74.00. These are only available to current students.
3. Casual 30-minute lessons: \$42.
4. All amounts are in \$NZD and include GST.
5. GST is added to IRMT advertised pricing and Trinity College exam fees.
6. All lessons are prepaid by autopay on the 1st of each month by credit or debit card. No surcharge is added to card payments.
7. Late payment fees: From July and August 2026 a \$35 late payment fee applies. If unresolved this may result in termination of lessons and referral to Guardian Credit Services.
8. Students will need to purchase method books and music on occasion throughout the year.
9. Printing and binding are generally covered in fees unless there is a specific digital music purchase or large printing request.



Studio Calendar

- Lessons are taught Tuesday–Sunday during the year.
- Non-teaching days: Christmas Day through to January 11th, Matariki, ANZAC Day, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday.
- When my performances or leave affect lesson times, there is no charge if a makegood cannot be scheduled

• Scheduling / Lesson Renewal

- Lessons are scheduled at a mutually agreed time when you begin lessons.
- If you wish to change your lesson time during the year, the new time will be subject to availability.
- Your lesson time is automatically renewed for the same time each year.

Discontinuing Lessons

- If you wish to finish lessons, please provide notice by email.
- A minimum of one calendar months' notice is required.
- Students will continue to receive the lessons they've paid for until the end of the month, when the termination will take effect.
- Refunds will not be issued.

Missed Lessons / Absences

- Missed lessons due to forgetfulness, illness or holidays are not refundable.
- Exceptions will be made for prolonged sickness and extenuating circumstances on an individual basis. Where possible a reschedule will be offered, but this may not always be possible.
- If a student will be missing their lesson for any reason, please inform by text or email with as much notice as possible so an online or makeup lesson can be organised. If another time is free that week I will offer it, though availability cannot be guaranteed.
- If for any reason I need to cancel a lesson, I will offer a make-up lesson or a longer lesson during school holidays.

Sickness

- If you have been (or are) unwell, or near a family member who is sick, please think of others.
- If you or your child has been unable to attend school/work due to illness, you can convert your lesson to online or may need to cancel.
- If you cancel within 24 hours a 100% cancellation fee will apply. I will try to convert this to a makeup lesson if one is available.
- If you or a family member has tested positive for Covid-19, please let me know and we can switch to online if you are well enough.
- If I test positive for Covid-19 I will swap to online lessons if well enough or credit the lessons if I am unable to teach.



Extended Time Off

- If you need time off for extended periods to travel or work through life events, please let me know as soon as possible.
- With a full studio and waitlist, I am unable to hold lesson spots for lengthy periods at no charge.
- Options include being a priority on my waitlist when you return or paying 50% of the tuition fee to hold your lesson time.

Student Responsibilities

- Students/parents are responsible for arriving on time, with correct books and having completed their practice.
- Please remove footwear and outside shoes on arrival and wash your hands before beginning your lesson. An individual towel will be provided.
- Students should practice to achieve their goals.
- Late arrival times will not be made up, as I often have other students or commitments immediately around lesson times.
- If your home instrument is an acoustic piano, please ensure it is regularly tuned.
- If your home instrument is a digital piano, please ensure it has an adjustable padded bench and a fully weighted action.
- On special occasions family members can attend a lesson. Generally, due to the size of the music room and health considerations, it is requested the lesson time be for the student only.

Practice

- Regular home practice is essential for progress and success. Students should aim for several practice sessions a week (excluding their lesson).
- Parental involvement helps students succeed. There will be faster progress if a parent helps their child establish (and stick to) a practice routine free of distractions.
- If you are the parent of a Primary or Intermediate school aged student, please plan to sit with your child for at least a portion of their practice.
- If circumstances prevent practice for a week, please continue to come to lessons.
- Assignments will be in a personalised format in Practice Space.

Exams

- Students wishing to sit practical or theory exams will need to have been learning with me for at least a year before I will enter them.
- Students should be aware that exams take a huge amount of effort, determination and stamina, and can significantly reduce time available for other musical pursuits.
- Extra lessons may be required, and students will need to be prepared to sit a mock exam with another teacher beforehand.
- Students are entered for exams only when fully prepared. If proceeding, students may choose Trinity College London Exams or ABRSM (theory only).



Performances

- Studio-wide performances are scheduled 2–3 times a year.
- Performances are voluntary.
- If you choose not to participate and the performance falls during your usual lesson time, a makeup lesson will be offered where possible; otherwise, the regular lesson fee will apply.
- All events and workshops will be promoted and discussed with each pianist.
- There are no additional fees for studio events.

Multiple Teachers

- Piano lessons and goals are planned exclusively for you/your child.
- If another piano teacher is teaching you or your child, I reserve the right to discontinue lessons under these circumstances.
- If you are learning another instrument, I will work to ensure both teachers are not both teaching theory and aural, as approaches and methods may differ.

Agreement

I have read the Terms of Tuition and agree to the terms outlined.

Student / Parent Name

Date