Instrumental music is an extra-curricular ensemble-based subject. Once enrolled in this subject, students will be allocated an ensemble in addition to lessons. Attendance to lessons and ensembles are a compulsory component to this subject.

1. The College will make every endeavour to maximise the number of instrumental lessons delivered per term. Subject payment is not on a per lesson basis and makeup lessons will not be scheduled due to, but not limited to: Sports Carnivals, School Camps, Teacher/Student Illness, Exams/Tests, and/or other situations that may arise.

2. Students are responsible for checking lesson times on Compass and arriving promptly with all required materials.

3. In addition to lessons, all instrumental students are required to be involved in at least one large performing ensemble. Ensembles rehearse weekly at either lunchtime or after school. Rehearsals are scheduled on Compass and attendance is recorded. Ensembles include: Primo Band, Year 8 Band, Show Band, Guitar Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Choir.

4. Payment for instrument hire is required in FULL prior to instruments being distributed. Instruments may be hired for a period of two (2) years per student. After this time, parents are encouraged to buy an instrument. Continuation to hire may be possible for larger and more expensive instruments, depending on availability.

5. Parents are responsible for replacement of any lost instrument.

6. The HIRE INSTRUMENTS ARE NOT COVERED BY SCHOOL INSURANCE. It is strongly advised that parents take out appropriate insurance.

7. Stocks of instruments available for hire are limited. If stocks are fully committed, BSC will advise parents of preferred suppliers.

8. Parents are responsible for returning all hired instruments in good working order.

9. Students are enrolled and must be committed to the subject for the whole year. No refund of payment will be given, and a subject report will still be written if a student chooses not to attend lessons.

10. Records will be kept on attendance, punctuality, commitment and progress. Students will receive a report for this subject in their semester reports. All instrumental lessons are scheduled in Compass.

11. Students MUST bring the appropriate equipment to every lesson. This may include: instrument, music books, music folder, cleaning equipment, drum sticks, USB. Students who arrive without these essential items may be sent back to class at the discretion of the music teacher.

12. Guitar, Bass, Double Bass and Percussion student do not need to bring their instruments.

13. Students must abide by the College’s Code of Conduct.

14. It is the student’s responsibility to arrive for the scheduled lesson on time with the relevant equipment. Students who cannot attend their scheduled lesson time must email their teacher as early as possible regarding the reason. Where appropriate, the instrumental teacher may re-schedule the whole class to a different time. Be aware however, that this may not always be possible and individual students cannot be taken out of their timetable class for such changes. Parents can monitor attendance via Compass.

15. Please direct any questions you may have to the director of music Paul Varney at var@brightonsc.vic.edu.au

Please make every effort to enjoy your music lessons and ensemble rehearsals as much as possible. We love to teach music and want you to have fun as well!

Please retain this contract for your reference.