



Treetops Montessori School

A different approach for Primary and Secondary education from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12

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Treetops Private Music Tuition Programme Group and Individual Lessons

Students at Treetops have a number of options for private individual and/or group lessons. Our Private Music Tuition Programme offers the following instruments: piano, guitar (acoustic and electric), drums, and voice. Enrolled students are expected to commit to a minimum of one term of lessons.

LESSON LENGTH: Individual lessons are 15 - 30 minutes in length, depending on the student's age or other needs as discussed between parents/carers and their child's instrumental or voice teacher.

COST: The costs per lesson will depend upon instrument chosen, student age, and length of lesson. The peripatetic tutor will advise you when enrolment is processed. The fee is paid to the peripatetic music teacher directly if having individual or group lessons. Fees are generally paid by the term.

INSTRUMENT HIRE: Acoustic guitars are priced at \$20.00 per term and are invoiced through the school office. Whilst it is assumed that some parents have their own family instruments, in the interest of making music accessible, the school offers hire instrument options for guitar (acoustic – availability pending).

Treetops Individual Music Tuition

Treetops offers the following individual lessons that take place during the school day.

Voice lessons	Sonnie (voice tutor)	Wednesdays
Piano lessons	Lisa (piano/band tutor) Kiran (piano tutor)	Tuesdays Wednesdays
Guitar lessons (acoustic/electric)	Aaron (guitar tutor)	Thursdays
Drum lessons	Dan (drum tutor)	Wednesdays

Treetops Group Music Tuition

Treetops offers the following group lessons, taking place in the Music room, over lunch times:

Junior Jacarandas Vocal Group (Yr 1 - 3 students)	Sonnie (voice tutor)	Wednesday 12.30pm - 1.00pm
Senior Boabs Vocal Group (Yr 4 - 12 students)	Sonnie (voice tutor)	Wednesday 1.00pm – 1:30pm
Primary/Secondary Band (Yr 4 -12 students)	Lisa (piano/ band tutor)	Tuesday 12.50 – 1.25pm
Junior Taiko Group (Yr 3 - 5 students)	Mary (School Music co-ordinator)	Monday 12.30pm – 12.50pm <i>Free of charge</i>
Senior Taiko Group (Yr 6 - 12 students)	Mary (School Music co-ordinator)	Monday 12.50pm – 1.10pm <i>Free of charge</i>

Performance Opportunities

Students taking part in group or individual lessons may have opportunities to perform at school and/or public events throughout the year at the discretion of the School Music Programme Coordinator. These performances may include Recital Morning, Performing Arts Night (formerly Music Night), Shuukai (whole school assembly) and The Darlington Arts Festival.

These opportunities are encouraged to allow students to show their growth, effort put into practice, commitment and, most of all, to have fun connecting and building friendships and community through the shared experience.

Enrolment

If your child wishes to take part in any of the aforementioned options, please fill out the attached application form and return to the School Office as soon as possible. Group and individual lessons generally start in Week 2 of each term; however, some teachers may start in Week 1. Your child's peripatetic tutor will advise you of the week they intend to start.

If your child wishes to take part in multiple options, only one application form is necessary (tick all boxes that apply). Please be aware this may mean your child will miss one or more school timetabled lessons per week.

If you swap instruments or add a new one after commencing in the programme, please complete a new form. Your details will be passed onto the nominated peripatetic music teacher, who will contact you directly to confirm your child's engagement in the programme and their lesson day.

If you have any questions about group or individual lessons, please email Mary (School Music Programme Coordinator) m.pollard@treetops.wa.edu.au.

Our Peripatetic Tutors

Dan DiPaola – Drums

Performing extensively over the last twenty years as a professional drummer, Daniele has been a key member of the Perth music scene. Immersed in the improv/jazz circuit, Dan has been involved in music of all styles ranging from radical Jewish folk to hip-hop. Dan has toured broadly with the hit musical *The Sapphires* with Christine Anu and Casey Donovan. Dan played with Perth mainstay jazz group 'The Fix' for many years, as well as instrumental Hip-hop 'Fdel Live', and experimental electronic group 'The Bosons'. Dan is currently performing regularly with jazz piano trio Radio Repairs.

Kiran Podmore – Piano

Kiran graduated from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) in 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music, majoring in Jazz Performance. As a hardworking musician and passionate performer, Kiran actively performs as a musician in the Perth music scene, playing the saxophone, piano/keyboard, and singing in multiple bands and ensembles. He composes and arranges music on a regular basis. Performing aside, Kiran has a passion for teaching the saxophone, piano, and music theory, and has taught a variety of students ranging from age four to university level. He has also worked with, written for, and performed in musical theatre shows, jazz big bands, and corporate cover bands to name a few. Always working tirelessly in the pursuit of creative and musical outlets, Kiran thoroughly enjoys being a musician and a music teacher.

Lisa Wilson – Piano

Lisa has over 10 years' experience as a music and piano teacher, after completing a Bachelor of Performing Arts (Honours) majoring in Music Composition. She is passionate about catering lessons to the individual, working with their strengths, interests, learning style and goals. Her aim is to work with students to develop the skill, creativity, and confidence to become a well-rounded musician with a lifelong love of music.

Sonja Plummer – Voice

Sonja has been performing since the age of eight. She has performed throughout New Zealand, Europe, and North America. She wears many hats as a performer (local, national, and abroad), choir director, singer/songwriter and producer of events including Storm The Stage – the Hugh Jackman sponsored Musical Theatre and Dramatic Challenge, where she was National Producer for five years. Sonja was lead judge for the reality TV show Perth Star, has adjudicated most quality panels in WA vocal competitions, written musicals, Voice/Music educational programmes. She was instrumental in bringing the contemporary vocal programme to the WACE. Sonja has owned and operated the Sonja D’anne Vocal Studios since 1996, Perth’s Artist Development Academy (PADA) which began in 2015. She has a vast roster of artists (internationally labelled or working in Entertainment, notably Troye Sivan (Wolverine, Spud the Movie, Universal Music).

Aaron Woolley – Guitar

Aaron has been teaching guitar professionally since the early 80’s. He has a diploma in Contemporary Guitar Playing from the London College of Music, as well as having performed with and backed many international acts over his profession career. Aaron feels teaching is all about having fun, helping the student feel relaxed and confident, and allowing the information to gradually develop over time so that their skills become second nature. Aaron still performs regularly here in Perth.

Mary Pollard – Taiko

Japanese Taiko drumming is taught in a group environment and is a fun and interactive way to engage in music. Taiko drumming is energetic, theatrical and great for students who want to learn drums in a less formal setting than private drum lessons. Rehearsals are once week, after students have eaten their lunch, in the music room.