

Thank you for your interest in piano lessons for yourself/your child. This document outlines some FAQ and other miscellaneous information.

What you need?

Could you please have a; 1B5/1B4 exercise book (something bigger than a standard pocket notebook) and a clear-file (for photocopies). For lessons at your home, please have ready a (sharp) pencil, rubber and pen as well as all the music books from which you have been working out of during the week to each lesson.

As part of most lessons, we will do a little theory, if you could please pick up the following theory book - Eric Taylor's, 'Music Theory In Practice' (I'll suggest a suitable grade level in lessons). This book can be picked up from most print music shops (eg Piano Traders, Mt Eden Rd or KBB, Manukau Rd). It is a good idea to have a metronome at home in which to practice with. Electric ones start from around \$40 at most music stores.

Teaching Dates

The Lessons term is based on the primary/secondary public schools term year (4x 10 week terms). I am usually around in the holidays and if so am available for lessons then too. Lessons will still happen during Public Holidays, unless you call to arrange otherwise, (if you don't hear from me, assume the lesson is on)

Exams?

For those who are interested in doing Music Exams (practical and/or theory), the school of music I recommend is the "Australian and New Zealand Cultural Arts Limited." (see www.anzca.com.au/ for more details). In my experience ANZCA is far more appropriate/relevant to what today's students are doing with their music than some of the more traditional/conservative schools of music. Feel free to discuss whether exams would be suitable for you/your child.

Attached you will find a scale/exercise syllabus I have written to aid you with your practice (we will learn more about it in lessons). For full exam syllabus see website PDF file.

Basic 'House Keeping' Rules

I don't charge tuition fees up-front (like most other schools of music). I invoice half way through each term and at the end of each term. I charge for every week of the school term (10 lessons per term). If there is a lesson you are unable to attend, I will in most cases find another time slot available that week. If you can't do that week you can always catch-up on the lesson in the following holidays - Please understand that this is my income (and that teaching is only 40 weeks out of the 52 in a year). I can't just skip a lesson(s) if a student has an assignment due, or a test that week etc...

Please try to be punctual for lessons. If you are late to a lesson, I might be able to go later, but I won't be able to if I have a student coming after you (which is quite likely!). If you know there is a lesson you can't make, please notify me

It is always a good idea to have you piano tuned one or twice a year. I recommend Jenkin's Piano Services on (09) 440 9565, www.jenkinpiano.com

If you have any questions/enquiries feel free to contact me.