

KERIKERI HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

February 2026

Dear Parent/Caregiver

At Kerikeri High School, we endeavour to offer additional lessons for a range of musical instruments, and for singing. These are in addition to Music as an option subject. They are held in a group setting with Itinerant Music Teachers.

Please read this information together with your child to ensure they understand all aspects of this programme. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to further develop their musical skills. If your child is in a Year 9 - 13 option class for Music, we strongly encourage them to participate in optional lessons if they wish to achieve the best results. The Registration Form is due back to Reception by Friday 13 February. Lessons will begin during Week 4, starting Monday 23 February. Students will be given their group information during Week 3 or at the beginning of Week 4 via their Form Teachers.

Lessons are likely to be available in the following instruments

- Guitar
- Piano (Only Option Music Students)
- Bass Guitar
- Drums
- Saxophone
- Trumpet/Cornet/Euphonium/Tenor Horn
- Flute
- Violin
- Clarinet
- Trombone
- Vocal Tuition (singing)

Please note: Guitar, Bass and Drums are only available to Year 7 and 8 Students and Music option students. Piano lessons are only available for Music option students from Year 9 to 13. Other Year 9 – 13 students may learn Brass, Woodwind, Violin or Vocals if we have space.

LESSONS

Half hour weekly lessons occur during class time on a rotational basis to ensure students do not miss the same class each week e.g. Period 1 one week, Period 2 the next week – always on the same day.

There is a cost of \$100 for the year. This needs to be paid at Reception to secure your child's spot. If your child decides they do not want to continue, they will be refunded for the remaining terms at \$25 per term. If you are needing financial assistance, please tick the box on the Registration Form.

To gain a Four Cornerstone for Music tuition, high attendance to lessons, commitment to practising and engagement in lessons will be taken into account. Students will not be penalised for music lessons missed due to camps, sickness, assessments and school activities. Four Cornerstones will be recognised at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. If a student finds that the instrument they choose is not for them, they may opt out by

contacting Miss Thomson via the school office. A log book will be given to students to track their attendance and progress.

- Spaces are limited for some instruments. Please supply a second choice.
- Only Year 7 and 8 students and Music option students may take Drums, Bass and Guitar.
- Piano lessons are only available to Music option students. The Keyboard is taught at a beginner level in Year 7 and 8 as part of classroom Music lessons, and more advanced if they have already had lessons privately.
- **Any changes** to the timetable and additional information will be provided in the Daily Notices at Form Time. The Daily Notices are very important for our communication.

The weekly timetable is available on the school website under “What’s Happening”, in the Daily Notices every Monday, on MUS1 window and displayed in the Library.

Needing to Hire or Buy an Instrument?

We have a small selection of Woodwind and String instruments to hire and an extensive range of Brass instruments. Please ask Miss Thomson in Music Room 1 for a Hire Form to apply for one of our school instruments. We cannot hire out Piano/Keyboards, Guitars, Bass Guitars and Drum kits however these can be hired through external companies. We encourage students to hire or purchase instruments through our local Music shop “The Sound Lounge”, KBB or MusicWorks. Information is available from the Music Department or Reception about these options or through; www.kkbmusic.co.nz or www.wardsmusic.co.nz. They are very well set up for school hire and offer competitive rates. Some even offer a one month hire to see if the instrument suits your child.

- Registration Forms and fee are to be returned to Reception by 13 February.
- Lessons will start in Week 4, Monday 23 February, day and time will be shared during Form Time.
- Information about instrumental lessons will be via the Daily Notices, the school website and on the Music Room 1 window. It is very important for students to listen to the notices every day and note any changes.
- We will aim to place all students with their instrument choice, and if we are oversubscribed there will be a waiting list for when spaces become available.

We look forward to your child participating in this wonderful opportunity to learn a musical instrument at Kerikeri High School.

Thank you.

Miss Kathryn Thomson
Leader of Learning Music

Music Lesson Registration Form 2026

I give permission for _____

(Student's first and last name)

to learn _____ **(one instrument per form)**

If this instrument is fully subscribed, my second choice is _____

I own my own instrument **You can use school Guitars and Drums for lessons.**

I need to hire/buy my instrument **See Miss Thomson for the hireage form.**
Kerikeri High School does not hire Keyboards, Drums, or Guitars.

If you do not have a Drum kit at home, it is strongly recommended to buy a practice pad.
More information is available from the Music Department.

Please detail past musical experiences (bands or groups) that you have been involved with.

Together with my child we have read the information provided to gain full understanding of this programme

Year Level _____ Form Teacher _____

Parent/Caregiver name _____

Parent/Caregiver phone number _____

Parent Signature _____

Student signature _____

I have paid at Reception **Yes/No**

I have paid online (date paid _____) and used the reference **11250**. **Yes/No**

I require financial assistance Contact Reception to arrange Automatic Payment

Please return this Registration Form to Reception by Friday 13 February.

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Reception - Date received _____ Cash **Y/N** \$_____ E.C. Music Reference 11250

Finance Department – Details uploaded _____

Music Administration - Day _____ Group _____