



the music education centre

MAKING IT HAPPEN!!!

Learning to play a musical instrument is a great way to both enjoy a positive recreational activity, and also build new skills that have a crossover effect into other areas of learning and personal development.

In recent years, technology has helped create an environment where access to information is almost instant, and indeed, people have come to expect a greater degree of instant action instead of delayed gratification in all areas of life. Mastery of an instrument however does require the gradual acquisition of skills and therefore motivation takes a very important role in ensuring long term success.

As with so many things, attitude is key when learning music. For children, keeping the fun aspect of learning happening between lessons can be a real challenge for many parents. Therefore maintain a positive environment with a lot of praise and positive reinforcement can make a real difference to keep the interest happening.

For adult learner, self motivation is often less on an issue, instead, maintaining realistic expectations becomes a very important point of consideration. Progress takes time, and there is no need to rush the mastery of new skills. Everyone needs to crawl before they can walk, and so with music students must be prepared to take the time to achieve the desired results. Confidence too is important. The fear of making mistakes is often one of the greatest things that prevents adult students from achieving their potential.

Relax, and enjoy what you can achieve rather than worry about what might go wrong. Some students try so hard to play everything right, that in the end it has no flow or musicality. Indeed it is the effort to make it right that causes it to be wrong. If you enjoy what you are doing, your music will sound better!

Goal setting plays a part in ensuring that lessons have structure and keeping focused on the end goal keeps progress on track. At the same time, when the target seems so far away, making sure that there are smaller short term goals, is important. Also, reinforcing and revising material already learnt can be just as important as working on new material.

Whether you are a child or an adult, you should make sure you discuss your goals with your teacher, set a realistic target, and then just GO FOR IT!



Can you name all the instruments taught at the Music Education Centre?

With specialist teachers on a range of 15 different students, we have teachers to suit everyone, from children to adults, all levels and across a range of styles.

Over the long winter months, why not take the opportunity to start a second instrument? Or perhaps as a parent start learning for the first time (see if you can be as good as your children)!

There a limited lesson spaces available for most instruments at both our Henderson and Glenfield Centres, so to find out times, more details or to enrol, simply contact us on:

0800 89 39 39

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

The Music Education Centre is closed on statutory holidays. Therefore our office will be closed on Monday 1st June for the Queens Birthday Observance. This should have already been taken into account on your June invoice (or Term 2 invoice for those learning with our in-schools programmes)

HAVE YOUR STATEMENT EMAILED EACH MONTH

Thank you to those students who have requested delivery of their lesson invoice/statement by email. If you would like yours also delivered electronically each month, please let us know by emailing lessons@musiceducation.co.nz giving your student name and we will set this up for you. If you prefer to continue receiving your statement by post, you don't need to do anything.

MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE ONLINE.

Are you following the Music Education Centre on Facebook? Why not join the other 1800 people who have already chosen to stay up to date with our exciting events, student achievements and helpful tips. Prefer to get news directly to your inbox? – We have great news for you, within the next couple of months we plan to have a FREE subscriber mailing list so our latest news and offers will be delivered directly to you by email.

Remember we now offer statements by email (See p1 for details)



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JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE

Ideal Exam Preparation for Piano students

Following the success of our Easter Holiday programme, we are pleased to confirm our July School Holiday Programme.

Divided into 2 levels (Up to grade 2 and Grades 3 to 5) this is a superb enhancement to your regular lessons.

Get expert guidance with 1:5 teacher ratio.

At this stage we are only able to offer this course at our NORTH SHORE CENTRE although students from any of our teaching locations are welcome to attend.

WHEN: July 13th to 17th (5 Days)

(6th-10th might also be offered once if there are sufficient numbers)

TIME: 9am to 3pm

COST: Only \$299 for the entire week

To Enrol - **Contact the Music Education Centre on 0800 89 39 39**

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK

Whenever possible students learning in individual lessons at our centres are encouraged to continue with their regular tuition over the school holiday break. If you are going away, or need to reschedule lessons over the holidays this is something that you can discuss directly with your teacher.

Some teachers may need to make slight alterations to lesson times over the holidays and they will discuss this with you directly.

There are no lessons for in-schools or "Forte" students during the school holiday period.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Foundation of Music Education Gold exam

Zoe Peterson (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
James Holton (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
Michael Walmsley (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
Tumanako Cassidy (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
Estee McPherson (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
Moa Rose Bray (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
Samikssa Kesavan (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
Ethan Wong (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
Taylor Bicknell (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
Jake Bicknell (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
Ethan King (Teacher – Elena Reekie)
Sam Muthu (Teacher – Elena Reekie)

Accordion Examination Board of NZ

Stephanie Rooke - Grade 3 merit (Lionel Reekie)

ABRSM Music Theory

Aghlian Newman - Grade 5 merit (Megan Jennings)

Trinity College Music Theory

Shania Riethmann - Grade 5 HIGHEST MARK IN NZ!
(Teacher – Donna Love)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

PERFORMANCE

AFTERNOON

Mark this date in your calendars NOW!
SUNDAY 28th June

Performances will be held at both:

Takapuna War Memorial Hall (2pm & 3pm) *And*

Tirimoana School Hall (1pm)

Each performance sessions is scheduled to run for only about 1 hour each, so audience members are encouraged to attend for the duration of the session, to support and encourage our students.

Admission is free and invariably there is a range of performances of different instruments, ages and levels.

Talk to your teacher today to book your performance time onto the lists at each of our centres.