



the music education centre

From 3 years to adult!

Welcome New Students

Wow! It is great to welcome so many new students to the Music Education Centre. With lessons in our three locations, and across over forty primary and intermediate schools, our organisation is proud to be one of Auckland's largest music tuition providers, so what does that mean for you?? Above all, it means that MEC has a team of around 100 specialist musicians to cater for your personal musical needs – whether you are the next Mozart, or Rock legend!

Additionally, the centre manager, Lionel, is a fully Registered Music Teacher, he looks forward to offering support or answering any questions you may have.



Lionel Reekie

Your Lessons

Will my child or I enjoy lessons?

Learning any new skill can be exciting, interesting and at times frustrating. All of our teachers are selected to try and adapt the course of lessons to each student's individual requirements, but there can be times that it all seems a little harder than you may have been expecting. Don't worry, you can always talk to your teacher if you have any specific questions, one thing we do recommend is to keep going when it gets hard, as it is rewarding to see your effort pay off via confidence and new found skills.

Our website has some great tips on staying motivated and dealing with commonly asked questions. Make sure you check it out online at: www.musiceducation.co.nz

Keeping Up With Music While On The Move

You may be one of the more than 1,800 followers that 'like' us on facebook: www.facebook.com/musiceducation.co.nz 

If you haven't checked us out, why not look us up today. Our facebook page is regularly updated with interesting facts and great tips to really help you get the most out of your interest in music.

It is also a great way to stay up to date with the latest information about upcoming events, performance afternoons, photos and even fun online games and quizzes.

Brand new and ready for you is our fantastic mobile website.

Whether you are on your smartphone, iPhone, iPad or android tablet, you can log on and find out about all of the instruments we teach, send us an enquiry or even ring us direct from the website!

Better than that, you will automatically be directed to this site every time you go to musiceducation.co.nz on your mobile device.

Why not bookmark this page today?





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MUSIC TALK

" the joy of learning music is alive! "

March 2013 Edition

Performance Dates For 2013

So many of our up and coming musicians love to perform. Whether you are a beginner, or a real pro on stage, our performance afternoons are a great platform for showing your skills in front of a friendly and supportive audience.

Because of the enrolment fee students pay when first starting lessons with us, we can provide these super fun events to you FREE OF CHARGE. Mums, Dads, brothers, sisters, friends and family can all come along and enjoy a real variety of musical talents and help support YOU on stage each and every term.

Make sure you mark the dates in your diary today so that you can start preparing:
SUNDAYS – 7th April, 7th July, 15th September and 8th December.

Examinations

We have a proud history of examination success. For over 31 years our organisation has submitted literally thousands of candidates to some of the world's leading examination bodies, for a huge variety of instruments.

Many students sit end of year examinations, like Irene Xu, (who received a distinction in her grade 2 piano, after learning with MEC teacher, John Andrew) - but most examinations are offered several times during the course of the year.

Particularly exciting for 2013, is the likelihood that we will be offering our students the opportunity to sit Rockschoool exams, via the wonders of video conferencing. Plans are underway for our candidates to sit at our centre in Henderson, while being examined in real time, via video link with an examiner in London. For Rockschoool and the other most popular examination boards, there will still be the traditional face to face examinations, offered as well. So we really can offer something for everyone!

Lesson Fees

New students learning with us should have received a first lesson invoice. Invoices should always be paid in full upon receipt, (so as to avoid any potential late payment fees) and accounts can either be settled via internet banking, by credit card over the phone, by mailing a cheque or of course, face to face at either of our centres, where we accept cash, eftpos, credit card and cheques.

At some of the schools where we offer beginner group lessons, we have introduced a new way of paying.

Lesson fees for these students are being charged directly to the parent's credit card in 4 installments.

Billing For Lessons In Schools

Often parents are curious, about the way that we invoice lessons provided in schools. Because lessons in schools are billed term by term in advance and other school activities sometimes mean the odd lesson has to be rescheduled, we charge for one less week than there is in each term. This gives flexibility to reschedule one lesson each term. If no lessons need to be made-up, we are able to offer an additional lesson in the last week of term that will appear on the following term's invoice.

In general, the centre cannot make up or refund lessons missed by students, however, in extreme circumstances, our teachers have the discretion to issue credits if appropriate. Do feel free to discuss any questions relating to your account firstly with your teacher, or give our office a call on 0800 89 39 39.



EASTER HOLIDAYS
Can you believe it? Easter is nearly here.

Our office is always closed on Public Holidays, so there will be no lessons on Good Friday or Easter Monday.

Lessons will continue as normal on the Saturday of the Easter break. Please make sure you let your teacher know in advance if you plan to be going away, otherwise you will be charged as normal for lessons on that day.