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## Instrument Lessons

Otago Girls' High School offers a great opportunity for students to learn to play an instrument from a specialised tutor. For 2017 Music lessons will be available for the following instruments:

Ukulele, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Cornet, French Horn, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Classical and Contemporary Piano. There are also Singing lessons and Vocal groups available.

If you are taking a funded lesson through the Government Itinerant Scheme it is expected that you will take part in a school Music activity or group. Please also note students not taking Music as a timetable subject will be required to pay a \$30 contribution fee per term for these subsidised lessons.

## Instrument Hire

There is a range of instruments available to hire from the school. These are distributed by the instrument teacher at the first lesson or else by Mr Shields to the individual students. If you wish to hire an instrument you will need to see Mr Shields as soon as possible. You will be invoiced for the hire of the instrument. You will need to hand in a signed hire form available from the Music Department with payment to the school office before the date of your first lesson. Lessons will begin early in February. You will need then to take the receipt to Mr Shields to be given your instrument.

Hire is unavailable for drums and guitars. Students will be required to purchase their own drum sticks and guitar picks.

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## Important Notes

- Piano, Drum, Guitar and Bass Guitar students should have access to an instrument outside of school with which to practice.
- Some Brass, String and Woodwind instruments are available to hire through the school at the cost of \$150 for the year. Others may be hired from outside organisations.
- Through the user pays scheme the price of lessons varies as to whether it is a small group or on an individual basis (up to \$30 per 1/2 hour lesson).
- Some group lessons are subsidised through the Government Itinerant Scheme. This scheme includes lessons for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Cornet, French Horn, Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass. Students not taking Music as a subject will be required to pay a \$30 contribution fee per term for these subsidised lessons.
- Lessons are held during school time and last approximately 25-30 minutes. Students studying for NCEA Music have priority for lessons and lesson times.
- Lessons will be in groups of 2-5 pupils or on an individual basis. Students in groups will be matched up with pupils of similar ability.
- Students hiring instruments from the school are responsible for looking after the instrument and are liable for its replacement if lost or stolen.
- Students are expected to practice at least 5 times a week. Students are to be polite and treat the Itinerant Music Teachers with respect at all times.
- Where possible, lesson times will rotate so those students do not miss the same classes each week.

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# OGHS Music Information 2017

Music Groups, Lessons and Instrument Hire at Otago Girls' High School.



## Instrumental & Vocal Groups

Following is a list of the music groups operating within the school. At times there are extra groups established, depending on skills and demand. If you are not sure how to get involved or which group would suit you best, see Mr Shields in the Music Department or email [sh@otagogirls.school.nz](mailto:sh@otagogirls.school.nz)



### Otago Girls' High School Choir

An auditioned choir. Represents the school locally and nationally on many important occasions. Fees apply.

### Combined Choir

An auditioned choir that combines with Otago Boys' High School. Represents the school locally and nationally on many important occasions. Fees apply.

### Cultural Chords Choir

Pasifika inspired choir. Represents the school locally and on many important occasions. Fees apply.

### Tutti Cantare Choir

A choir that performs on many occasions with more emphasis on having fun singing than on competitions. Anyone may join. Fees apply.



### Orchestra

Entry by audition or invitation. The Orchestra combines with OBHS. Rehearsals at OGHS. Mostly classical repertoire with some popular music as well. Intermediate to Advanced level.

### Jazz Band

Entry by audition or invitation. The Jazz Band combines with OBHS. Rehearsals at OGHS. A smaller group, (8-12 members), regular performance opportunities. Intermediate to Advanced level.



### String Group

Open to any string player who is interested, but a little bit of experience is recommended first. Mostly classical repertoire with some popular music as well.

### Chamber Groups

Work towards competing in Chamber Music Competitions. Any number from 3-8 per group, from beginners to very advanced players.

### Rock Bands

Tuition is available for groups of girls who organise themselves into a band for the Smokefree Rockquest.