



Year 7 MUSIC FAQs

If I choose MUSIC as a subject at Unley High, what can I expect?

- You will have 4 classroom music lessons per week for one semester as part of the regular school timetable.
- You will receive **free** weekly, 30-minute, small-group instrumental lessons for the year with a specialist Instrumental Music teacher.

NB// Please complete and return the attached “UHS Musical Instrument Nomination Form”. You will be advised of your allocated instrument toward the middle of Term 1. Please see the Music Information 2025 for more details.

- You will:
 - learn to play an ensemble instrument
 - participate in class band rehearsals and performances
 - develop musical literacy skills
 - engage in Music technology projects
 - explore musical styles and history through practical music-making
 - be able to access a hire instrument through the school in most cases

Can I also take private Instrumental lessons?

- Yes, you can undertake 1:1 instrumental lessons with a private teacher where the venue, time and payments for lessons are arranged directly with the Private Music Instructor (PMI) on a user-pays basis.
- The school will provide free, small-group tuition for class ensemble instruments only. All other instruments need to be undertaken privately*.

*UHS has a private electric guitar teacher and private drumkit teacher who operate their own businesses using school facilities and work during school hours. Please contact the Arts Coordinator, Kimberly.mullan272@schools.sa.edu.au you would like further information and/or contact details.

Are there costs involved?

- Instrument hire/purchase (see below)
- Most students will be asked to purchase a tutor book (approx. \$12-\$20) – specific details will become advised by instrumental teachers
- Some instruments require occasional replacement of minor accessories eg reeds, valve oil

Where can I hire or buy instruments from?

- The following hire instruments can be arranged through the school:
 - Woodwind - flute, clarinet, saxophone (alto or tenor)
 - Brass – trumpet, trombone
 - String – violin, viola, cello
 - Electric bass and small amp

Hire costs will be \$70/term in 2024.

Most families prefer to initially hire an instrument and look at purchasing an instrument as their child progresses and expresses an ongoing commitment to learning Music.

- Percussion students need to purchase their own drum sticks (approx \$20), and if they do not own a drum kit, will also be asked to purchase a practice pad (approx \$25).
Drum kits are not available for hire through UHS.
- New and/or secondhand instruments and accessories can be purchased from these reputable retailers:

Size Music 84 Glen Osmond Road, Parkside 8373 3370

Presto Music 620 Marion Road, Park Holme 8177 1447

Winston Music 87 Winston Avenue, Daw Park 8276 9988

Instrumental teachers can provide advice on recommended instrument brands and models.

Some retailers operate rent to buy schemes if you do not wish to commit to buying an instrument outright.

Can I access more than one free instrumental lesson through the school?

- No, however you can learn one instrument through school and a different one privately.

Can I have free instrumental lessons at school and private instrumental lessons on the same instrument outside of school?

- Not recommended.

Can I change my instrument choice during the year?

- As IM lesson allocations to schools are for the full year based on detailed instrumental enrolment requests, it is generally not possible for IM students to change instruments during the year unless these can be accommodated within existing lesson structures.