



Mansfield State High School



Vocal Tuition Information 2019

Teachers:

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WHY TEACH KIDS TO SING?

Isn't choir enough and everyone can sing, can't they?

Vocal production instruction does occur within the choral setting but often, due to tight schedules, most rehearsal time is spent learning parts, and less time is spent on voice building. Equate the vocal instrument with orchestral and band instruments. The students have a much greater understanding of their instrument when given group (or individual) tuition. In the small group setting the teacher/director is more able to assist the technical development of the students.

GOALS OF VOCAL TUITION

- ♪ **Vocal health and hygiene**
How to care for the speaking and singing voice
- ♪ **Respiration**
Posture development, breath management
- ♪ **Resonant tone production**
Vocal resonance through various exercises involving freedom, focus and production
- ♪ **Diction**
Vocal tract freedom, relaxation and flexibility of the articulators, word pronunciation, enunciation of vowels and consonant articulation
- ♪ **Expression**
Phrasing, dynamics and tempo variation, agility and range extension

ABOUT THE LESSONS?

- ♪ User pay system, **\$18** per group lesson, **\$42** per lesson for **individual** tuition and **\$27** each per shared lesson (2 people only) paid in advance to the teacher. **The teacher will invoice you each term.** (*These fees are in line with the current QMTA rates.*)
- ♪ **\$30** per year **administration fee** paid directly to the school. The school will invoice you for this amount.
- ♪ Lessons are on a rotational basis / not missing out on the same half hour each week.
- ♪ Students will have a timetable to glue into their handbooks that is proof of their participation in the program.
- ♪ Students will be placed in groups according to development, music interest and age.
- ♪ In addition music will need to be purchased by parents from time to time.

WHAT IF I MISS MY LESSON?

- ♪ If a student is at school but doesn't turn up for the lesson, that lesson will not be made up.
- ♪ If a parent knows in advance that their child will be absent, and the teacher is notified at least 24 hours beforehand, that lesson will be made up.
- ♪ Other situations such as prolonged illness will be handled on a case by case basis.

WHAT IF I HAVE AN EXAM OR EXCURSION?

Students are responsible for getting organised and talking to their teachers about possible clashes with examinations and excursions etc and they are responsible for giving the vocal teacher appropriate notification (at least 24 hours).

PLACES

A limited number of places are available.

DROPPING OUT

If a student wishes to discontinue lessons, a half term's notice is required, with a letter from parents, or a half term's fees in lieu.

WHAT TO DO NOW

Please consider these conditions carefully and discuss them with your child. The Voice Tuition Program is not designed to expect your child to become a singing genius. It is designed so that the students can learn more about their instrument and take the enjoyment of singing into their adult life.

If you are agreeable to the above conditions, please return the attached personal details and confirmation slip to the music mailbox as soon as possible and you will be allocated with a lesson time.

CONFIRMATION SLIP
VOCAL TUITION 2019

(Please return to the Music mailbox)

I / We have discussed the conditions of the Vocal Tuition Program with my / our child. We agree to abide by the conditions and wish to enrol:

Student's Name.....Form in the
Vocal Tuition Program at school.

Please circle your lesson type: Group lesson / Share lesson / Individual lesson

Parent / Guardian Signature:

Date

VOCAL TUITION PERSONAL DETAILS FORM 2019

Students Name: _____ Form: _____

Student Number: _____ Birthday _____

Parent/ Guardians Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ P/Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Parent 1: _____

Mobile Parent 2: _____

Parent Email 1: _____

Parent Email 2: _____

Student Email: _____