

# Cadenza Music School

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## Fee policy - 2024

1. Cadenza Music School offers the first lesson as a free trial lesson.
2. The current base fee is set at \$80/hour, \$60 /45 minutes and \$40/half hour for individual lessons (one on one) at a beginning level **for existing students**. As students progress to higher grade levels, fees are subject to increase in accordance with the following table:

Beginning to Grade 3 level	\$80/hour
Grade 4 & 5 level	\$84/hour
Grade 6 – 8	\$89/hour

3. There will be a further increase of \$2 per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at all levels.
4. Cadenza Music School endeavors to make music lessons affordable to all and therefore strives to keep fees lower than the current VMTA rates. (Current VMTA rate is \$89/hour for 2024 at beginning level).
5. A minimum of 1 term's commitment is expected by all new students signing up for lessons. Students beginning lessons midway through the term are expected to commit to the remaining number of weeks in the term.
6. Fees are chargeable on the basis of Victorian Government school terms. All fees **must be paid in advance** for the full term and is payable no later than the first week of the current term, failing which lessons will be suspended until all dues are paid in full for the entire term. Any lessons missed due to suspension for non-payment of fees must be paid for before recommencement of lessons. Those missed lessons cannot be made up.
7. Missed lessons for any reason (with sufficient prior notice to the teacher) must be made up in the term that they are missed (either face to face or online). Failure to do so will result in lessons being forfeited. **If a student does not show up for the lesson, the lesson cannot be made up afterwards.**
8. Music fees cover instrumental music tuition only and does not include any other material including books, CDs, printed music, accessories, etc.
9. Adult students and students appearing for music exams may choose to continue to have lessons during school holidays by prior arrangement with their respective teacher and by mutual agreement. Fees for any extra lessons will need to be paid separately.
10. Group lessons (strings only) are charged at the following rates:
  - a. 45 minute group lessons are charged at \$50/lesson per student (age appropriate).
  - b. 60 minute group lessons are charged at \$60/lesson per student.
  - c. The teacher reserves the right to determine the make- up and number of students in a group lesson often taking into consideration the age and any prior musical learning experience so as to run group lessons efficiently for the benefit of the students.

- d. Group lessons will change to individual lessons at the end of 6 months /2 terms or at the discretion of the teacher for the same time duration.

This will however also depend on teacher time availability.

11. If a student wishes to discontinue music lessons, the teacher must be notified at least 4 weeks in advance. Failure to do so will result in the school retaining the fees for 4 weeks and the balance of fees will be refunded.
12. Cadenza Music School will revise fees for 2025 with prior notice.

These policies and guidelines are a broad framework to function with. Cadenza Music School may revise/review aspects of fees from time to time and students will be notified.