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Dear Students and/or Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Music Lessons for 2018. At AspirA we treat each student as an individual. We take into account your personal interests and help you set realistic goals. We work alongside each student to motivate you to reach your potential through music. Please speak with your teacher about what you'd like to achieve with your music so we can provide the help you need to achieve your goals.

Below is some information about the lessons.

Lesson times. Lessons will generally take place during the school term, unless otherwise arranged. In most cases students will have one half hour lesson each week. Students doing exams at a high level (above Grade 5) may have longer lessons (45 minutes or an hour), which will be discussed with the students and parents if required. Additionally, some students may take separate lessons in theory and practical each week.

Missed lessons. If the student is unable to make a lesson, please let me know *before* the starting time of the lesson, otherwise the cost of the lesson will be payable. A text message on the mobile number above is preferable because if I am teaching at the time, I can easily check it later.

If I am unable to make a lesson, I will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. A make-up lesson will be organised if possible at another time during the week, or during the school holidays.

Public holidays. I will still teach on public holidays unless you are otherwise notified. If you are unable to make a lesson on a public holiday, please let me know before the start time of the lesson as is usual for missed lessons.

Ceasing lessons. If you no longer wish to continue with music lessons, please provide at least two week's notice or you will be charged for two weeks of lessons.

Practise. To get the most out of lessons, students should be practising every day. Beginner students should aim for about ten minutes each day, while high level exam students could be practising up to a couple of hours each day. The actual amount required will be clarified by your teacher.

Progress reports. Students will be given a progress report at the end of each semester.

Fees. Fees will be \$33 for a half hour lesson in 2018, which is still less than the rate recommended by the MTAQ. I keep fees a little lower to try and make lessons accessible to as many people as possible. I will invoice all students at the beginning of each term. Invoices which are paid in full by the end of the third week of the term will attract a 5% discount. If you are having difficulties paying for lessons, please speak to me so we can negotiate alternative terms of payment.

Exams. I am able to take students through AMEB exams up to Grade 8 (Piano, Piano for Leisure, Theory, Musicianship and Music Craft). These are not compulsory and this will be discussed with each student individually. Please discuss if you would prefer an examining body other than the AMEB as this can also be arranged. There are fees charged by the examining body for exams.

Concerts. All students will be invited to perform at an end of year concert for family and friends. Details of this will be outlined as the event draws near.

Privacy. Your personal details, collected by the school (e.g. phone number, email address, etc.), will only be used for purposes relating to music lessons, and will not be given to any other person or organisation for any reason, except if required by law.

Lastly, when you arrive at the house, go through the gate on the right side where there is a side entrance to the Music Studio. There is a waiting area there if you need to wait for another student to finish. If a parent/guardian is running late to pick up a student who is under 18, they should wait at the side of the house for safety until the parent/guardian arrives.

If you have any queries about the above information, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details above.

Yours sincerely

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