Junior School Instrumental Music Scholarship Fact Sheet – 2027 entry

St John's Grammar School offers Junior School Instrumental Music Scholarships to students currently attending the St John's Grammar Junior School Campus, entering into Years 5 or 6 in 2027, who are learning at least two instruments and display excellence and/or outstanding potential in Music. Only students currently attending St John's Grammar Junior School in Years 4 or 5 in 2025 are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

St John's Grammar School has a highly successful music program, and students are consistently provided with large practical performance opportunities within the school, wider community and around Australia. In addition to a strong theory curriculum, students can be involved in many different Band, String, Woodwind and Choral Ensembles. These Ensembles, both Band and Vocal, are State and National award-winning ensembles, and are highly regarded in the music community for their professionalism and performance quality.

This scholarship will cover the 2027 tuition fees and hire (where applicable) of the student's second instrument.

Junior School Instrumental Music Scholarship Criteria

To be a recipient of a Junior School Instrumental Music Scholarship, a student must be learning at least two instruments, and will need to demonstrate a very high standard in their playing ability.

Instruments can include a combination of:

- Strings
- Woodwind
- Brass
- Percussion
- Guitar
- Piano

The combination of two instruments allow opportunity to continue to study two or more instruments and thereby making a substantial contribution to the Junior School's musical ensembles. It is expected that the candidate currently undertakes lessons from an instrumental music teacher on their chosen instrument.

A Music Scholarship recipient is expected to make a significant contribution to the musical life of St John's Grammar School, and act as a mentor and leader to their peers in both the classroom and as part of Co-Curricular Ensembles.

A successful Junior School Instrumental Music Scholarship student will be expected to:

- Maintain study of at least 2 instruments
- Participate in at least two or more ensembles
- Continue to take lessons with a private instrumental teacher through St John's Grammar
- Maintain excellence within ensembles and instrumental lessons (commitment, attendance, attitude, preparedness, support for fellow musicians)

Application and Audition Process

Application forms must be completed and submitted prior to the closing date. Short-listed candidates will subsequently be invited to attend a practical audition and interview, during which, candidates are required to fulfill the following:

- A performance of a piece on each instrument
- Aural and general music knowledge
- A short interview

Useful Information

- Scholarship applications for 2027 entry close on Friday 13 November 2026.
- Auditions will be held on Wednesday 18 November 2026.
- Short-listed candidates will be contacted by the School to be informed of their audition time and requirements.
- Candidates are advised to arrive at least 15 minutes early on the day of audition to warm up.
- Candidates are encouraged to perform a repertoire that best displays their musical and technical ability, and a high level of interpretive skill on their principal instrument.
- Candidates are encouraged to perform with an accompanist or backing track. If an accompanist is needed, this must be organised by the candidate as this cannot be provided by the School. If a backing track is to be used, please advise the School prior to the candidate's audition, to confirm requirements and format.
- Where possible, candidates are encouraged to provide a copy of the music being performed to the audition panel.
- Students may like to bring copies of their AMEB certificates, school reports, practical reports, school reference from either a Principal or teacher, or a performance portfolio for the interview.

Please return the application form and accompanying documentation by the closing date of Friday 13 November 2026 to:

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