

Musominds®

Igniting Minds Through Music

Happy Easter! Hip-Hopping to the Autumn Beat!

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Franklin Edwards

Congratulations to Franklin Edwards for his efforts in refining his focus towards progressing through the 'Piano Play Book 2'. Keep it up, Franklin!



MORE THAN MUSIC

At MusoMinds we recognise that learning music offers more than just learning a musical instrument, which is why our '9 Key Competencies' are embedded in each of our method books and lesson delivery.

The cognitive benefits of learning music is a phenomenon that is now widely documented in literature. From a learning perspective, music continually highlights that initial mistakes are merely part of the learning process and are overcome through sustained focus. I find that the biggest joy in teaching is seeing students strengthen their focus ability and become independent learners. Interestingly in the school classroom, I found that students who had regular music lessons had the power to transfer their focus ability and succeed in other areas of the curriculum.



To Encourage Practice

- The learning environment plays a vital part, so keep the guitar and keyboard/piano in a room where your child often plays with their toys.
- Eliminate any barriers to learning, so have the keyboard plugged-in and the guitar out of its case ready to go.
- Practising while mum or dad are preparing dinner is a great way for your child to have an audience and it provides a great incentive as to how long to play for.
- It is normal for a student to deviate from the music in the book. This can appear to be unstructured, but it is actually an important part of explorative learning.
- Upload videos of your child playing to admin@musominds.com for instant feedback and encouragement rather than wait until your next lesson.
- Have a go at playing what your child is learning. They'll love knowing that an adult can also find learning new skills tricky at first.

Our 9 Key Competencies

Culturally Aware
Expressive
Collaborative
Performer
Literate
Perceptive
Reflective
Curious
Creative

MAKE-UP LESSON POLICY

Just a friendly reminder that missed lessons due to illness is capped at one lesson per term, in which a make-up lesson will be offered during the school holidays. Any other foreseeable absences will be deemed as forfeiting the lesson, as spaces for scheduled times are in high demand. Of course, any missed lessons on compassionate grounds are considered for a credit.

OUR UNIQUE METHOD BOOKS

Our method books are designed to encourage intrinsic motivation by delaying gratification to reach an ultimate goal. Each book challenges students to collect the unique powers of the monsters, passport stamps, the feed of dinosaurs, or even the tokens of time travel, as the student progress through milestones of weekly achievable goals.



Our teachers are on hand after each lesson to provide feedback on your child's progress and to answer any questions you may have. Also, weekly tasks are written at the back of each book for your reference. Plus, we welcome parents, grandparents and guardians to sit in any lessons to see how your child is learning!

INSTRUMENT HIRE

Did you know that you can hire guitars, digital pianos and keyboards at MusoMinds?

This assures that you receive a high quality product that is right for your child, without the substantial investment.



Digital Pianos from \$8.50pw (+GST)



Keyboards from \$5.20pw (+GST)



Nylon string guitars from \$4.75pw (+GST)

MUSO MAESTRO COMPETITION

In Term Two, we're holding a Muso Maestro competition - where any piano student who has finished Book 1 is eligible to enter.

Simply prepare and perform any tune of your choice from the 'Muso Maestro' book, and submit your performance as a video to admin@musominds.com.



The winner is the student who has demonstrated the most improvement!

The winner will receive a prize of LEGO or a Casiotone CTS Keyboard!



If you are a recently enrolled student, ask about grabbing your FREE copy of the 'Muso Maestro' book at your next lesson to begin preparing a tune from the book today!

Don't delay, video submissions of your chosen performance close on **Friday 23rd June 2023 at 9pm.**

Have a lovely Easter and see you again in Term Two!

Yours musically,
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Georgia & Kristin

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