

RAROA MUSIC CENTRE | INSTRUMENTAL CLASSES - SKILL LEVEL GUIDELINES

| Instrument | Age | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 |
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| Cello | 7+ years old | Beginners - no previous experience required. | If you're a new student with previous experience, the teacher will assess you at the first class and advise which course is best for your level. | If you're a new student with previous experience, the teacher will assess you at the first class and advise which course is best for your level. | If you're a new student with previous experience, the teacher will assess you at the first class and advise which course is best for your level. |
| Clarinet | 9+ years old | Beginners - no previous experience required. | Can play an octave and F#, C# and Bb | Can play over the break and F#, C#, G# and Bb, Eb and Ab | |
| Drums | 7+ years old | Beginners - no previous experience required. | Students with at least one year's experience | If you're a new student with previous experience, the teacher will assess you at the first class and advise which course is best for your level. | If you're a new student with previous experience, the teacher will assess you at the first class and advise which course is best for your level. |
| Flute | 7+ years old | Beginners - no previous experience required. | Can play an octave, and F# and Bb, minims and crotchets | Can play 1.5 octaves and F#, C#, Bb and Eb, dotted rhythms and quavers (8ths) | Can play 2 octaves of F and G major and G#, dotted rhythms and semiquavers. Can play forte and piano and also tongued, slurred and staccato |
| Guitar | 7+ years old | Beginners - no previous experience required. | Can recognise stave, treble clef, 2/4 and 4/4. Know the values of crotchets and minims. Know E, F, G on 1st string; B, C, D on 2nd string; G, A on 3rd string; open basses, 4th string D, 5th string A, 6th string E. Able to read tab and understand chord diagrams. | Can recognise 2/4, 4/4, 3/4. Know the values of minims, crotchets and quavers. Know all notes in first position: E, F, G on 1st string; B, C, D on 2nd string, G, A, B on 3rd string, D, E, F on 4th, A, B, C on 5th, E, F, G on 6th. Chords: G, C, D, Am | Can recognise time signature 2/4, 4/4, 3/4, 6/8. Know the values of dotted notes, triplets. Know C major, G major, A minor scales. Chords: C, F, G, A, D, E major, A, D, E minor. |

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| Keyboard | 7+ years old | Beginners - no previous experience required. | Familiar with reading music notes and where they relate on the keyboard in both the treble and the bass clef | Can read music over 2 octaves fairly fluently, sight-read simple pieces with quavers and semiquavers including dotted rhythms. | Students have a solid foundation of music knowledge, including music terminology. Can work out music notes in the higher and lower ranges. |
| Recorder | 6+ years old | Beginners - no previous experience required. | Can play F# up to E (almost an octave) | Can play C- A (almost 2 octaves), dotted rhythms, F#, C#, G#, Bb, Eb. Example: English Country Gardens, Can-Can, Christmas Medley. | Can play two octaves, hold part in duet and trios, play 3/4, 4/4, and 7/8 time signatures. |
| Saxophone | 9+ years old | Beginners - no previous experience required. | Can play an octave and a half and F#, C# and Bb. | Can play two octaves and F#, C#, G# and Bb, Eb and Ab. | |
| Ukulele | 6+ years old | Beginners - no previous experience required. | Have previously completed the Level 1 Ukulele class | | |
| Violin | 7+ years old | Beginners - no previous experience required. | Have a clear understanding of 1st and 2nd fingers, correct bowing and intonation, and perfect note reading. | Have a clear understanding of 3rd and 4th fingers, with sharps and flats, more complex timing. Can play G, D, C and A major scales in 2 octaves. | No longer need to learn finger positions by sticker placement (non-Suzuki) on the fingerboard. Competent in first, second and third position with complex timing. Good understanding of major and minor scales. |

GENERAL MUSIC CLASSES & LARGER ENSEMBLES - SKILL LEVEL GUIDELINES

| Class | Age Limit | Notes |
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| Music Basics | 5 - 7 years old | Everybody welcome. This course introduces the basics of music and movement. Together with physical activities including singing, clapping, dancing, and more, young students will be introduced to basic musical concepts which will help them transition into our instrumental and/or group classes when they're older |
| Ukulele Group | 7+ years old | Open to students who have successfully completed the Level 1 Ukulele class and have been recommended by the tutor. |
| Guitar Ensemble | 7+ years old | Open to students who have successfully completed the Level 1 and 2 Guitar class and have been recommended by the tutor. |
| Orchestra | 7+ years old | Everybody who has learned an instrument for at least one year is welcome. |