

# Hornsby South Public School String Program Information Package 2025

## Welcome to HSPS String Program

### About The Conductor –

#### **Jade Darby**

The String Program will be run by Jade Darby who is a conductor and music teacher in the North Shore area with over 10 years' experience. Over the past 6 years, Jade has worked as a conductor, music tutor and piano accompanist in many schools across the North Shore and greater Sydney area, including but not limited to: Arden Anglican School Epping, Mona Vale Public School, Killara Public School, Chatswood Public School, Holy Cross College Ryde, Killara High School.

Jade has been involved in the Ryde Schools' Spectacular as a performer, accompanist, and orchestral arranger. Jade is also involved in preparing string ensembles annually for the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House. Jade also works regularly as an AMEB and HSC piano accompanist.



### About the Program –

#### **Beginner String Ensemble | Mondays 7:50am -8:50am | School Hall**

The Beginner String Ensemble will be run on Monday mornings in the school hall from 7:50am-8:50.

This ensemble is appropriate for Kindy-Year 6 students with very little to no experience as a musician. The curriculum has been designed to suit beginner students learning in an ensemble setting. Students will learn how to set up and tune their instrument, use the proper technique, and play a simple song together. Students are encouraged join with siblings and friends to make it a more enjoyable experience!

The Beginner String Ensemble will be given opportunities to perform throughout the school year at multiple school events. The aim of this ensemble is for students to be able to perform in a group from the beginning of their musical journey and enjoy peer camaraderie in ensemble membership.

Students will be asked to purchase the 'Encore on Strings' book that will be used for minimum 4 terms (1 school year) for learning. Students will also receive additional learning material throughout the year. The books will be provided to students at their first lesson. The book fee will be added to the first invoice for new students.

**Encore on Strings - \$31.95**

**String Group | Wednesdays 7:50am-8:50am | School Hall**

String Group will be run on Wednesday mornings in the school hall from 8am-9am (with students expected to arrive at 7:50am for set-up).

The String Group is an ensemble appropriate for Kindy-Year 6 students with at least 1 year experience. Students are required to have regular music lessons to enrol in this ensemble.

The repertoire played by this ensemble will be a selection of classical and contemporary music with arrangements widely varied to suit many skill levels whilst maintaining interest. Students will develop their musical education in a group setting, learning how to be part of a musical ensemble and their role in the orchestral setting. The ensemble will have several performance opportunities throughout the school year.

**Chamber Orchestra | Expression of Interest | Time/Place TBC**

In 2025 there will be the commencement of a third string ensemble, the Chamber Orchestra. This will be available for students to join upon audition and is recommended for students who are playing at an AMEB Grade 4 level and above. These students will have the opportunity to play advanced music and perform at a very high standard.

The repertoire played by this ensemble will be a selection of classical and contemporary music. This orchestra will have several performance opportunities throughout the school year. Details regarding auditioning for this ensemble will be announced in early 2025.

The Chamber Orchestra is currently accepting auditions for the following instruments:

**Violin | Viola | Cello | Double Bass | Piano | Tuned Percussion | Percussion**

**After School Music Tuition | Tuesdays 3-6pm (30-minute slots) | Computer Room**

On Tuesday afternoons from 3-6pm, music tuition will be held in the school's computer room. Lessons will be 30 minutes long.

The options for music tuition are as follows:

- Private Music Lesson (one on one) – 30 minutes
- Group Music Lesson (2-3 students) – 30 minutes

Based on expression of interest, there may also be lessons held on a Monday afternoon.

**Hire Instruments –**

String instruments are available for hire directly from Jade. Violins & Cellos are available in various sizes to suit all ages of students. Other string instruments may be available upon request. Instrument service and maintenance is provided for all hire instruments. Students are expected to take proper care of hired instruments. Terms and conditions apply and can be found on the Instrument Hire Form.

Hire instruments come with the following:

- Instrument Case
- Bow
- Rosin
- Cleaning Cloth
- Shoulder Rest (Violins)

**Enrolment:**

Please click the link to securely fill out the PDF web form:  
<https://www.jadedarbymusictuition.com/hsp-enrol>

**Hire:**

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*Enrolment and Hire forms are due by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025***

**Fees (per 10-Week Term):**

String Ensembles	\$200 per term
Private Music Tuition	\$450 per term
Group Music Tuition	\$350 per term
Encore on Strings Book	\$31.95 (one-time purchase)
Violin Hire	\$80 per term
Cello Hire	\$100 per term
One Time Instrument Hire Deposit	\$150 (refundable)

**Payment:**

Invoices will be sent at the beginning of each term and be due within 14 days. Invoices are payable online by direct debit or bank transfer. If you would prefer an alternative payment method, please send an email with your request.

**Kind regards,**  
**Jade Darby**

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