



the music education centre

**20% of children learn music, and 70% of adults WISH THEY HAD.** Research conducted in Australia (and published on their governments "Artfacts" website) revealed this interesting fact, however, this doesn't mean that today's parents can't change these statistics for future generations.

**PRESCHOOLERS:** With music programmes for children as young as 3 years of age, the Music Education Centre is able to nurture and love of music even from preschool level. At this age, music lessons are a bit like preparing the soil in the garden. Fertilising and digging the earth may not instantly produce a crop, however, the more effort and preparation that goes in at this early stage, means that later, the harvest is all the more fruitful. We have vacancies on the North Shore, West Auckland and Ponsonby for students to come along and start cultivating their musical future.

**SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN:** - This is the most popular age to start learning an instrument. Whether in our group keyboard classes for littlies, or one to one lessons on any of the 15 different instruments we offer, our centre offers lessons structured to the particular needs of each student, whilst offering the structure of external examinations when appropriate. Performances offer an extra goal to work towards and written progress reports can help provide valuable feedback to make sure progress stays on track.

**TEENAGERS AND ADULTS:** It is never too late to start music. Indeed the personalised lessons our teachers are able to offer can be a great fit to get you started on your own musical path. Maybe now is the right time to re-kindle the love of music you had as a child. What could be more fun than making music with others in your family.

**Whatever your age or level, the Music Education Centre can help you enjoy a lifetime of making music!**



## LESSON BILLING

The centre's regular terms of tuition are sent out in the post with your first lesson invoice.

Students in the traditional one to one lessons at our centre are invoiced on a month by month basis, as many teachers continue to offer lessons over the school holiday periods.

Music In Schools students should expect an invoice before the start of each school term.

Our youngest students, learning in the Forte School of Music Programmes are generally billed for a 10 week cycle – so whilst there are not lessons in school holidays, the billing term sometimes runs out of sync with school terms.

All our lessons are charged in advance and invoices should be paid in full upon receipt. Direct Credit payment details are shown on your invoice, and for your convenience we do accept most credit cards. (please note- We do not store card numbers on file so you will need to contact us each time you wish to charge lessons to your card)

Students will be offered credits for up to 4 missed lessons per year during regular school terms. Advance notification of absence is always appreciated. For any account queries please feel free to contact us on 0800 89 39 39

## HAVE YOUR STATEMENT EMAILED EACH MONTH

Thank you to those students who have requested delivery of their lesson invoice/statement by email. If you would like yours also delivered electronically each month, please let us know by emailing [lessons@musiceducation.co.nz](mailto:lessons@musiceducation.co.nz) giving your student name and we will set this up for you. If you prefer to continue receiving your statement by post, you don't need to do anything.

## Since 1981 the Music Education Centre has been helping the people of Auckland develop their musical potential

### Did you know:

- The centre was originally operated from a rented house in Esmonde Rd, Takapuna.
- The centre became a foundation tenant of the Glenfield Leisure Centre, and has been there ever since.
- The Centre opened its West Auckland Branch in 1990.
- The Music In Schools programme was established that same year and now offers lessons in 43 schools all over Auckland.
- The Henderson Centre moved to its current location in 2007.
- Last year a third branch opened in Howick trading under the name "Forte School of Music".
- The centre usually teaches around 1500 students each week through our different programmes and locations.
- We have a team of over 90 specialist teachers on 15 different instruments.
- Teaching music is our only business and we are independent, specialist music lesson provider in Auckland.

## Existing Rock band in search of boys and girls aged 10-13 to join their out of school band.

Playing a range of music, Rock, Alternative and Pop Rock

1x bass guitarist

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You will need a minimum of 2 years' experience playing your instrument.

Studio in Mairangi Bay. 1 day per week practises. Flexible with days but currently on a Monday.

Existing band members attend Murrays Bay Intermediate school.

Please call Vanessa on 4794251 or 021 347973.

Email: [sales@accreditedcoatings.co.nz](mailto:sales@accreditedcoatings.co.nz)



## EASTER HOLIDAYS

**The Music Education Centre is closed on Public Holidays**

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Good Friday

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Monday

Most lessons will continue as normal on the Saturday during Easter. Your teacher will advise of any exceptions, and your invoice will be adjusted accordingly.

## SPECIAL DEAL MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE STUDENTS AT PIANO TRADERS

We are pleased to announce that our students are now entitled to a 10% discount instore and online for music, and instrument purchase at Piano Traders. 90 Mt Eden Rd, or [www.pianotraders.co.nz](http://www.pianotraders.co.nz).

Use the code "MEC" when ordering online or show your MEC membership card every time you shop. (If you haven't got one ask at our office)

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