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## Extra Requirements for Learning Music

### MUSIC BOOKS

It is also very important that if you would like your child to learn music that you are prepared to pay the cost for books and even CD's and other related material as they are required. This is another essential learning tool for students to learn effectively and be given the best opportunities to develop musically.



### ENCOURAGEMENT

Last but not least is encouragement, praise and assistance in providing a good practice environment around the home by parents and caregivers. I am assuming by now that if you have read this far through the newsletter you are keen to provide the best opportunities for learning music. Please help and support students to develop good practice habits, routines, dedication and motivation. Many students are young and do not find it easy to sit down and practice without being told. Develop a practice roster system, reward based motivational system, "blackmail" system (if you need), but please try and encourage regular quality practice.



Most students are issued with diaries, or practice sheets for exam preparation etc. Please make sure that these are used to develop consistency.

As a teacher there is only so much you can do with a student to motivate and teach new theories and practices to, if a student does not practice. Going from one lesson to the next with no in between practice time is not enough each week. Students will not be able to develop musically and will become bored because they are given the same work from week to week, let alone not learn anything new. From a teacher perspective, it is very frustrating to tell the student the same thing week after week and still see no improvement. A teacher can only teach so much if the student does not put the work and effort in, in return.

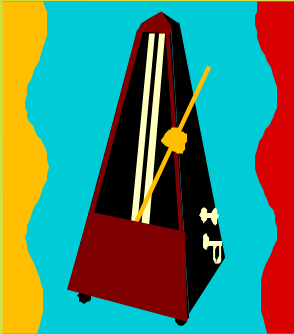
With today's busy lifestyles, it is still very important that music students find quality time every day to sit down and work hard on what they learnt in lessons.



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### ACCESSORY PURCHASE



Most good music stores stock keyboard stands, keyboard and piano stools (please do not use a drum stool), keyboard sustain pedals and print music.

It is also a strong recommendation that students use a Metronome as early as possible in training to help develop consistent beats and timing. Many keyboards and digital pianos come standard with this, however for acoustic piano users, this is an invaluable tool that taken care of will last for a long time.

You may also find suitable accessories available second hand, but strongly recommend seeing the product before purchase. If you search online regarding piano stools, you will find a great list of options in Australia. Sometimes great bargains are found on eBay. Caution must be taken when purchasing an instrument or metronome from a source where the product is unseen before you buy.