

SCHOOL-BASED INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL TUITION

The Ministry of Education allocates funding for state secondary schools to provide group music lessons delivered by itinerant music tutors who travel between schools—and we are fortunate to have some of the best here at Westlake. This may be the last opportunity many students have to learn an instrument at a nominal cost, and a significant number of our students become highly proficient performers after learning through the school.

Lessons take place each week during a regular time slot of around 30 minutes. The only charge is a non-refundable administration fee of \$150 per annum (this fee is only charged once the student accepts an offer of lessons).

Students who are successful in applying for itinerant music lessons are required to participate in extra-curricular ensembles (e.g., bands, orchestras, choirs). This regular group playing helps reinforce the techniques and skills taught in lessons and provides a highly rewarding opportunity to be part of an ensemble.

Successful applicants will be assigned a 30-minute lesson time each week, usually with other players of a similar ability. Students use their itinerant music lesson pass to leave class.

Priority is given to students who are taking curriculum music as an option subject.

Instruments taught at Westlake Boys:

- Piano
- Guitar (Electric & Acoustic)
- Bass Guitar
- Drums
- Violin
- Viola
- Double bass
- Flute

- Clarinet
- Bassoon
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- French Horn
- Tuba
- Singing

For further information, please email the Associate HOD Music, Mr Eddie Hare: eha@westlake.school.nz Read our Instrument Lesson FAQ page for more detailed questions and answers.

Click here - to sign up for lessons in 2026.