

## Stream 2: Beginner Strings

### String Instruments:

Double Bass, Cello, Viola and Violin

Every Tuesday students attend the Beginner Strings morning session from 7.20am to 8.30am and afternoon session from 2.35pm to 3.35pm. After completing and submitting the Year 4 IP selection form, Music staff will send their recommendation of instrument choice for your child. This recommendation is based on the child's physical suitability and progress made during music lessons in Year 3. Please contact the Head of Strings, Fiona Goodhew at [fionag@igssyd.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fionag@igssyd.nsw.edu.au) if you require more information about this recommendation.

### Cost

The cost for instrumental tutorials is covered by IGS. However, most students will be required to obtain/hire their own instrument. It is highly recommended that instrument hire is secured before the end of Term 4 in order to avoid delay. Our preferred provider (for purchasing or hiring instruments) is the Sydney String Centre. A few IGS instruments may be available for hire. Please contact Cate Sheahan at [music@igssyd.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music@igssyd.nsw.edu.au) for instrument hire information and availability.

### Equipment

1. **Instrument:** All Beginner Strings members need to have obtained their instrument prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2021

2. **String tutor book:** All students are required to have their own copy of the required string tutor book. Please purchase *Essential Elements for Strings Book 1*, for your allocated instrument.

These books are available from:

- a. [Sydney String Centre, Chatswood](#)
- b. [Adlib Music, Chatswood](#)
- c. [Hal Leonard Online](#)

3. **Display folder:** Students will need a display folder clearly labelled with their name.

4. **Music stand:** All students need to have a music stand at home so that they can practise with the correct posture.

5. **Strings and equipment:** Students need to have their own supply of strings (spare set). We have an emergency supply at school which is charged to student accounts when needed. Students will also need a cleaning cloth (microfibre), rosin, a shoulder rest (for violin and viola). These are usually included when you buy a "package" (instrument/bow/case).

## Attendance

It is a condition of participating in Stream 2: Beginner Strings that all students attend every Tuesday morning from 7.20am to 8.30am in addition to the afternoon session 2.35pm to 3.35pm. If applicable, students may progress to Sarasate Strings (Fridays 7.20am to 8.30am), later in the year.

It is essential that the Head of Strings, Fiona Goodhew at [fionag@igssyd.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fionag@igssyd.nsw.edu.au) is notified by email if a student is to miss a rehearsal.

After each morning rehearsal, instruments will be stored in the Music Department until needed later that day. Students are expected to take their instruments home on Tuesday afternoons each week.

## Performances

There will be a number of performances throughout the year and ALL members of the Strings Streams will be required to attend. There will be some additional performances at Assemblies, Music Festivals and Eisteddfods. Notification of these dates will be advised via IGS Notices (Parent Lounge) and CareMonkey (Operoo).

Students will learn many skills including:

- the care and maintenance of their instrument
- gaining some technical facility on a string instrument
- reading musical notation
- performing with musical sensitivity
- working towards a weekly goal, as outlined in each lesson, through regular practice at home
- organisational skills in bringing the instrument and tutor book to school every Tuesday.
- working with others and rehearsing together – the notion of “team” where each student will contribute in an essential way to the group dynamic and be responsible for a vital element of the outcome.
- a sense of satisfaction in contributing to a good musical blend
- punctuality, persistence and commitment.