



Expression of Interest Form

Please hand in to office or email details to:

hilary.sinclair@motuekahigh.school.nz

Name

House Class (if known)

Student's mobile number

Student's email address

Instrument interested in playing

Parent's name

Parent home/cell phone number

Email Address

Parent's Signature

For more information please contact:

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A ten-year study indicates that students who study music achieve higher test scores, regardless of socioeconomic background.
- Dr James Catterall, UCLA



Motueka High School

Music Department

The MHS Music Department is here for you. Whatever you are interested in, we will do our best to set up the resources you need to accelerate your development as a musician, even if you are a total beginner.

You can choose Music as an option in Year 9 & Year 10. Then if you wish, you can choose Music for all three levels of NCEA.

Whether you do classroom music or not, you can learn instruments and voice. We have free instruments and free group lessons for clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet, trombone, horn, guitar, bass and voice. There are private lessons for drums, piano, guitar and bass.

We have choirs and bands. We have computers, software, and sound recording gear. You can create, compose and perform music on your own or with a group.

As well as developing musicianship skills, you will develop your skills and confidence, the ability to collaborate, performance skills, time management, creativity, communication skills, as well as create friendships that last beyond your school years. Fill in the back page of this form or come on down to the Music Department and let us know how we can support your development as a musician.

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SINGING - there are free group lessons or some solo/ duo lessons. To help develop their voices further, vocal students are encouraged to sing in a vocal group, choir or band. Voice is one of the instruments that can be used for NCEA. You would be required to sing vocal solos and sing in a group.

BRASS – Lessons are given on Trumpet, Horn and Trombone. School instruments are available. Group lessons are free.

WOODWIND - Lessons are given on clarinet, saxophone and flute. School instruments are available to be used. Group lessons are free. Once proficient on their instrument, students are expected to play in one or more of Jr Band, the Concert and Jazz Bands. Reeds: \$5 - \$10 Group lessons free. Private lessons are \$25 per lesson.

GUITAR - lessons are given for electric, acoustic and bass guitar. You will need to have your own guitar for practicing at home or make arrangements to practice at school. School guitars are available for lessons. Group lessons free. Private lessons are \$25 per half hour. Private group lessons (max 4) \$10 per person



DRUMS

Drum tuition is available on a private basis. The fee is set and administered by the tutor. Lessons are held out of class time, mostly after school.

PIANO - Piano lessons are available on a private basis. A fee is payable per half hour lesson (paid directly to the teacher).

UKULELE, and RECORDER - Private lessons are available for the ukulele and the recorder. There may also be group lessons if there is demand.

VIOLIN - Lessons on violin are arranged as demand requires.

EXTERNAL HIREAGE

David Bowater 03 546 4560 Saxophones: \$90/term. \$300/year
Flutes and Clarinets: \$45/term. \$140/year

Music Groups:

JUNIOR BAND - this is a band for all Brass and Woodwind students in their first year of lessons. The band includes a drummer, percussionists and guitarists and rehearses one lunchtime per week.

SENIOR BAND - this is made up of students who have been learning Brass and Woodwind instruments for at least one year. Drummer, percussionists and guitarist also needed. Senior Band rehearses one lunchtime per week.

JAZZ BANDS and JAZZ COMBO - these groups rehearse at lunchtime or after school.

SUONO BELLISSIMO - an auditioned choir that rehearses after school one practice a week. Both choirs participate in The Big Sing in June and perform at school events and in the community.



CHAMBER MUSIC GROUPS - these are small groups for any arrangement of instruments eg strings, recorders, solo & piano, quartet. Rehearsals will be in Music lessons, at interval, lunchtime, before or after school.

BANDS - these are set up by the students and Music department resources are available for use.