Chapel Hill State School

Strings Programme

2026 for 2027

Education Queensland Instrumental Music Programme

Chapel Hill State School has one of the most successful Instrumental Music programmes in the region.

At the Fanfare competition in June 2026, both Intermediate Strings and Senior Strings were awarded Gold for their performances.

Senior Strings were also awarded Gold at the October 2026 Music Fest competition.

This is due to our very capable students + great teachers + supportive parents.

The Purpose Of The Instrumental Music Programme

The overarching purpose of the Instrumental Music Program is to provide children with the opportunity to:

- Experience the expressive qualities of music through learning to play a band/orchestral instrument
- Participate in performance ensembles such as concert bands and orchestras.

Instruments Taught at Chapel Hill

The String Instruments – Ms Elizabeth Spiller

Violin
Viola
Cello
Double Bass

Lessons

- Students receive one 30-minute group lesson per week in class time on a specific day.
- Groups usually are between 3 to 8 students.

Ensembles - Strings

Both groups perform at the school's Music Nights in Semester 1 and 2.

Year level of student	Ensemble	Rehearsals
Year 3	Junior Strings	Tuesdays at 2nd break (1:20pm)
Year 4	Intermediate Strings	Mondays at 1st break (11:00am)
Year 5 and 6	Senior Strings	Tuesdays before school (7:20am)

Expectations – Homework Sheets

- Students are expected to practise for at least 15-20 minutes, 5 days a week.

- Parents should ensure that their child has a suitable environment for practise and a proper music stand.

Expectations - Commitment

- Children enrolling in the programme are expected to stay the course with their instrument for at least the first year, and ideally until they leave the school.

- Children in the programme are expected to attend all lessons, ensemble rehearsals and performances.

Problems !

Communication is very important!

We cannot fix a problem

if we do not know there is a problem!

If your child is experiencing some difficulties, or if you as a parent have some concerns about some aspect of your child's learning, let the teacher know as soon as possible.

HIRE or BUY ??

STRINGS PROGRAM

Instruments available for hire from the school:

- Cello,
- Double Bass

Instruments students must purchase (hiring not available):

- Violin,
- Viola

COSTS INVOLVED – Strings

Instrumental Music SRS – Hired instruments

- **Cello and Double Bass - $267.50/year**
- may be paid yearly or by instalments

Instrumental Music SRS - Non-hired instruments

- **Violin and Viola - $107.50/year**
- may be paid yearly or by instalments

The cost includes the cost of hiring and/or purchase of sheet music

Student Requirements

A list of items required will be sent home with the letter of offer (Term 4, 2026).

These items will need to be organised prior to the commencement of lessons (Term 1, Week 2, 2027).

Buying an Instrument

If you are buying an instrument, either new or second hand, seek professional advice from the instrumental teacher, or one of the reputable music stores.

Talk to the person selling the instrument and ask them if it's ok to bring it in to have Ms Spiller look over it before purchase.

Please be careful when purchasing instruments from supermarkets or websites.

Some instrument repair technicians will often refuse to repair non-reputable brands .

Questions…

If you have any questions, you may contact the relevant person below:

Strings-specific questions

Ms Elizabeth Spiller (Strings Instructor) espil3@eq.edu.au

Mrs Belinda Tang (Instrumental assistant) btang23@eq.edu.au

General questions

Mrs Bridget Cook (Music Coordinator) bcook82@eq.edu.au