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MUSIC TUITION

Here at Thomas Hassall, we offer the unique opportunity to provide students onsite music tuition from K-12. Tuition is held in our P Block rooms and offered during College hours.

There are currently 11 highly skilled tutors that have been tutoring and performing for many years across a range of instruments. These experienced tutors come highly recommended and demonstrate great enthusiasm in teaching and encouraging students in their learning.

Tuition is available for Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Guitar, Electric Bass, Piano, Voice, Oboe and Drum Kit. It is recommended that students have their own instrument to practice on at home in order to maximise their learning.

A study released this year found that a six-month music program:

- improved music and motor abilities
- improved visuo-spatial short-term memory, pseudoword reading and simple arithmetics
- drove plasticity on gray-matter volume of the left cerebellum that related to rhythm discrimination as well as gains in motor performance

Overall the researchers found that

- the role of music training in strengthening audio-motor integration

- a short and affordable music training was sufficient to induce specific behavioural benefits partially reflected in plastic changes in the children's brain.

(Source: <https://biggerbetterbrains.com/news-post/orff-based-music-training-induces-plasticity-in-the-developing-brain/>)

Just six months could make all the difference!

If you would like your child to participate in music tuition please email musicadmin@thac.nsw.edu.au for an application form or alternatively complete the online form on the College website using [this link](#).



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