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Northern Violin Studio

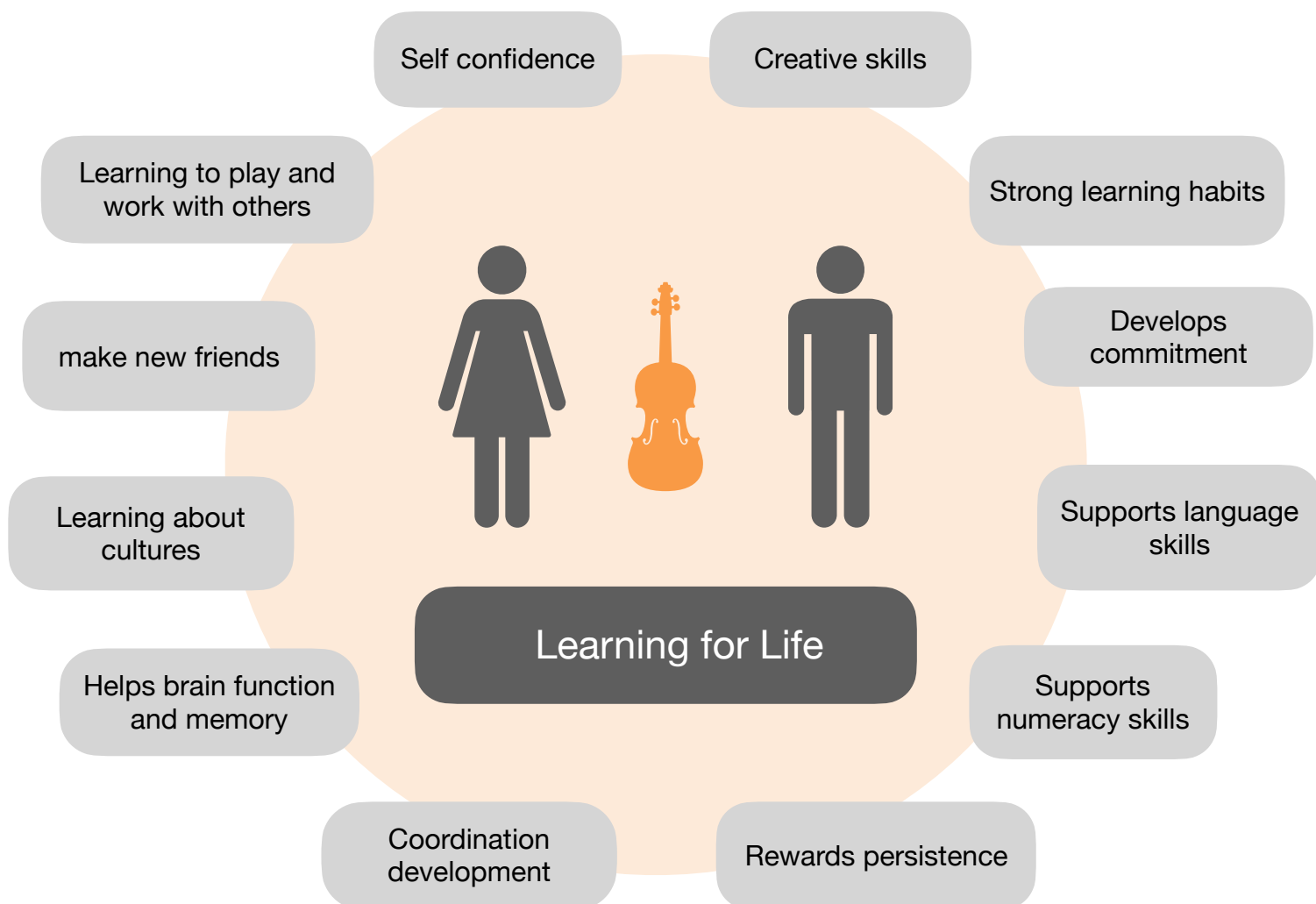
Information Pack 2026

Why music lessons?

Music is a gift that keeps on giving! There is no downside to learning to play music. Music teaches us skills for life, patience, goal setting, organisation, and provides many avenues for self expression, entertainment and it brings cultural and artistic expression into our everyday life.

AND lessons are enormously fun.

Being able to participate in making music is a wonderful skill to have. Music offers many opportunities that support social and emotional connections, and help to develop skills that support many areas of life:



Karen Kyriakou is a qualified and fully registered teacher. Teaching is her most favourite thing! She has played the violin since she was 6 years old, and loves playing lots of different styles of music, including classical music, folk music from around the world, and contemporary styles. She has written books for teachers that



enable creative music making in instrumental lessons, and encourages students to be creating their own music as much as possible!

Karen has vast experience teaching students of all abilities, and enjoys working with culturally diverse communities. She is also an Auslan (Australian Sign Language) user, and has taught music at a deaf school for 16 years.

Who will be our teacher?

How can I help support my child?

Research has shown that the more interest parents have in their child's practice, the more inclined children will be to do their practice! A wonderful cycle of success.



Practice

Regular practice is the path to success! To practice at home, your child will need access to a music stand and a distraction-free space.



Equipment

Ensuring all equipment (instrument and accessories such as the shoulder rest, bow, case, etc,) are in good working order means the instrument can be played properly.



Performances

Encourage your child to perform to friends and family. They will benefit enormously from the support. Performing with others at the annual concert is a huge milestone for a young beginner. Bringing along friends and family shows your child that they are supported in their music-making journey.

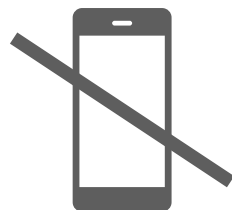
Parents of young students are encouraged to stay and observe lessons where possible. This helps students enormously as your support at home is invaluable.

It may not always be appropriate to have other young children in the lesson. We can discuss this to work out the best situation for everyone.

Parents of older children and teenagers may stay for lessons if all parties agree that this is the best situation for the student and their learning.

We ask that you do not take phone calls in the room or use any devices making sounds in this environment.

Can I stay and watch the lessons?



When and where are the lessons held?

In 2026, lessons will be held on Wednesdays after school, during Government school terms. Other days by negotiation.

Lessons are held in Karen's home studio in Thomastown (address upon enrolment).



Tell me more about the lessons.



Inclusive lessons - everyone is welcome



Lesson options - group or individual lessons are available. 30, 45 and 60 minute lessons are offered.



Group lesson advantages: learn with your friends and learn valuable ensemble skills.

Lessons are designed to average 8 lessons a term, or 32 lessons per year, depending on when in the year you start. Some terms are longer than others, but the numbers balance out.

Payment for lessons is twice a term, due at the beginning and middle of each school term. An invoice will be sent when fees are due.

How many lessons do I pay for?

What if I need to miss a lesson?

If the lessons are cancelled at short notice by the student, **the lesson cannot be made up**. As the room is booked for each lesson, and hourly fees paid, as much notice as possible for a missed lesson is appreciated. We aim to be flexible and fair.

You will never be charged for teacher cancellations.

What if the teacher cancels a lesson?



You can check out our [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#) and our [POLICIES](#) page with more information about cancellation and extended absences.

Fees for 2026

Lesson Fees

All lessons are inclusive of GST.

Group Lessons (maximum 4 people in a group)

30 minutes - \$37.50 per student

45 minutes - \$52.50 per student

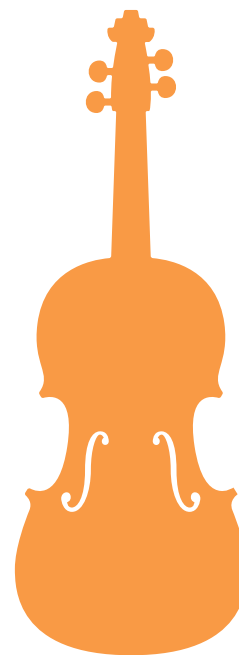
60 minutes - \$67.50 per student

Individual lessons:

30 minutes - \$55.00

45 minutes - \$77.00

60 minutes - \$99.00



What lesson length
should I choose?



A **30 minute lesson** for beginners and young learners in primary school, either individual or group lessons (if an appropriate group is available) is a suitable length.

30 or 45 minute lessons suit high school students and any student wishing to partake in examinations, recitals or join ensembles in schools or the community. The more advance or the higher one's goals, longer lessons are recommended.

60 minute lessons are suitable for advanced high school students, and adults of all levels.

These are recommendations only. The length of lessons can be negotiated.

Making music and learning music in groups is an enriching experience where peers can learn from each other and strive towards a common goal.

Group lessons provide extra motivation as learning with our friends and peers is FUN!

Group lessons provide a holistic opportunity to explore music as melody, harmony and part-playing can be utilised and valuable ensemble skills learned. Research confirms the benefits of playing music with other people.

Why group lessons?

How do the fees work for group lessons?

Each student receives a tailored 30 minute lesson - lesson designed especially for each group. Should one person leave the group, fees do not change for the remaining parties.

The value of a group lessons provides social activities, learning to play harmonies and learning important ensemble skills.

When music lessons are also social, there is an increased motivation for practice and music-making outside of the lesson. This is important for progression to occur.

Group lessons are capped at 4 students at a time.

Thank you for your interest in the Northern Violin Studio.

We hope to soon be working with you and your child.

If you have any questions, please email Karen Kyriakou at northernviolinstudio@gmail.com