

SIENA PRELUDE MUSIC PROGRAM 2023



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A CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN THE DOMINICAN TRADITION





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Siena Prelude is an innovative and engaging afterschool music program designed for Year 6 students who are preparing to commence Year 7 at Siena College in 2024. It gives incoming students an opportunity to try something new by learning an ensemble instrument, experience the joy of collective music-making, and get a head start on their cocurricular music journeys at Siena. Siena Prelude also provides a setting for incoming students to meet teachers and peers, make friends, become familiar with their new school environment, and to prepare for their transition to secondary school with greater confidence and excitement.

Siena Prelude consists of five weekly sessions, held after school on Wednesdays in the Siena College Music Department. During each session, students will break away into groups to receive lessons from our wonderful instrumental tutors. Then, they will come together to rehearse as a large ensemble. This combination of instrumental lessons and ensemble rehearsals is fundamental to the way we approach music tuition at Siena, and it gives students a taste of what to expect if they participate in our junior music program next year.

The program will culminate with all students making their debut ensemble performance at the **Year 7 Parent Information Evening on Monday, 20 November 2023**. You will be amazed at what students have been able to achieve in a short time!



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AVAILABLE INSTRUMENTS

The following instruments are available in the 2023 Siena Prelude program: **Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Drums/Percussion, Bass Guitar, Violin, Viola, Cello**

Please note that this is a sample of instruments on offer at Siena. Students are most welcome to participate in Siena Prelude with one instrument and then enrol in a different instrument for Year 7.

Instruments will be allocated based on student preference as indicated in the EdSmart registration form. Please note that due to availability, and the need to achieve a balanced ensemble, your daughter may be assigned her second or third preference instrument.

Participation in the Siena Prelude program requires a \$60 registration fee. This fee includes access to a music book and a hired instrument for the duration of the program. There is no requirement for students to already own an instrument to participate. Students allocated to Drums/Percussion will receive practice pads, rather than actual drums, for home practice, but will gain experience on a range of percussion instruments throughout the program.

After trialling an instrument in the Siena Prelude program, your daughter may wish to continue and enrol in instrumental lessons commencing in Term 1, 2024. If a Year 7 Instrumental Music Enrolment Form is received prior to the completion of Siena Prelude, your daughter may keep her hired instrument and lesson materials to practice over the holidays. If a form is not received, her instrument and book must be returned to the College at the performance on Monday, 20 November.

To register for Siena Prelude, go to Siena Central and click the EdSmart icon in the top menu bar. You will see the Siena Prelude Slip under 'Current Slips and Forms'.



POLICIES

All instruments and materials provided as part of Siena Prelude remain the property of Siena College.

Hired instruments must be treated with the utmost care, and can only be played by a student enrolled in Siena Prelude. They must be stored inside, not left overnight in a vehicle. While our hire agreement covers repairs as a result of reasonable usage, you may be liable for replacement or repair costs arising from loss or neglect of an instrument.

The \$60 registration fee is payable when submitting the EdSmart registration form, and is non-refundable.

We request that parents/guardians arrange for prompt drop-off and pick-up of students attending the weekly Siena Prelude sessions.

Participants in Siena Prelude are encouraged to attend all weekly sessions, and to practice their instrument at least twice a week in order to get the most out of the program.

Please visit the EdSmart Permission Slip to view session dates and times.

If you have any queries about these dates, your availability or the program, please contact **music@siena.vic.edu.au** prior to registering.