



Instrumental Music Academy

HAZEL GLEN COLLEGE

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ACADEMY

2027 APPLICATION

Applications for students entering Years 5–9

Information Evening and applications open: Wednesday 7 October 2026

ABOUT THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ACADEMY

Our Vision

The Hazel Glen College Instrumental Music Academy (IMA) welcomes students at different stages of their musical development, including students with no prior instrumental experience. Through structured tuition, ensemble work, performance opportunities and leadership development, the Academy helps students build confidence, musicianship and a lasting connection with music.

Program Structure

Students participate in three sessions each week: a timetabled Academy Class, a before school instrumental Focus Lesson and an after-school Ensemble Rehearsal. Together, these sessions develop practical skills, music knowledge, collaboration, creativity and performance confidence.

- Students entering Years 5 and 7 join the established two-year Academy pathway.
- In 2027, the Academy is expanding to include a Year 9 intake as the next stage of the secondary pathway.
- Students must be able to attend the scheduled before-school, timetabled and after-school components of the program.

Secondary Pathway Development

Looking ahead, the College is exploring continuation of the IMA into Year 10 from 2028 and stronger links with VCE/VET Music and VCE Music. These options are part of future planning and remain subject to curriculum development, student demand, staffing and College approval.

Academy Focus Areas

Academy Class	Focus Lesson	Ensemble and performance
Music theory and analysis	Instrumental technique	Working across year levels
Songwriting and composition	Sectional rehearsal	College performances
Leadership and project work	Guided practice and feedback	Community performances

ENTRY, EXPECTATIONS AND INVESTMENT

2027 Entry

Applications are invited from students entering Years 5-9 in 2027. Entry is competitive and places are limited. Selection considers each student's enthusiasm for music, readiness to learn, ability to contribute to a team and capacity to meet the program commitments. Prior instrumental experience is not required for Years 5 and 6. It is encouraged at years 7-9.

Indicative Annual Investment

Item	Indicative cost
Focus Lessons (approximately 40 lessons per year)	\$300
Equipment: instrument hire and maintenance	\$250
Academy performance uniform	\$100–\$150
Core annual total	\$650–\$750
Pay-as-you-go excursions and events	\$250–\$300
Estimated annual range	\$900–\$1,000

Students may use an approved personal instrument instead of paying the equipment fee. Any mid-year intake cost would be adjusted for the remaining part of the year.

Program Inclusions

- Tailored instrumental Focus Lessons
- Use of Hazel Glen College music facilities
- Guest artists, workshops and specialist experiences
- Participation in College ensemble programs
- School and community performance opportunities

Fee Support and Payment

Families requiring assistance or a payment plan should contact the College Accounts Department on 9717 7500. Where fees remain unpaid, the College will contact the family to establish a payment arrangement before a student's place is withdrawn. Refunds or credits for early withdrawal will be considered in accordance with the Department of Education Parent Payment Policy.

Parent Payment Policy: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

2027 APPLICATION PROCESS

The IMA application process has three stages, with an interview required only for some applicants. Internal review dates are included below so families know when outcomes will be released.

Stage	Activity	Date and time
Stage 1	Information Evening and applications open	Wednesday 7 October 2026, 6:00 pm
Stage 1	Written applications close	Wednesday 21 October 2026, 4:00 pm
Stage 2	Stage 1 results sent and Stage 2 opens	Monday 26 October 2026, 4:00 pm
Stage 2	Video submission due	Friday 30 October 2026, 4:00 pm
Stage 3	Interview, if required	Monday 9 November – Thursday 12 November 2026, 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Outcome	Final application results sent	Friday 13 November 2026, 4:00 pm

Stage 1: Written Application

Complete the student profile, written questions, schedule and contact details. Applications may be submitted as a hard copy to the College Main Office or digitally to ima@hazelglencollege.com by the closing time shown above.

- Completed application pages
- Teacher, tutor, coach or organisation character reference
- Academic and behavioural school reports covering the previous 12 months

Late applications may be considered only through a later supplementary intake where vacancies remain. A supplementary place is not guaranteed.

Stage 2: Student Video Submission

Students invited to Stage 2 must submit a short video, no longer than five minutes, showcasing their passion for music, leadership and readiness to contribute to the Academy. The video may include a performance, but this is not required for students entering Years 5 and 6. Students entering Years 7-9 are encouraged to demonstrate their current musical ability where possible. Students may also discuss their dedication to music, groups, clubs, hobbies or other commitments. Creative approaches are welcome.

Submit the video as an MP4 or MOV file to ima@hazelglencollege.com by Friday 23 October 2026, 3:30 pm. If the file is too large to email, upload it using the student's Hazel Glen College Google account and/or share a viewable Google Drive link with the IMA email address.

Stage 3: Interview, If Required

If an interview is required, the family will be contacted directly with the date, time and location. The conversation will focus on the student's musical interests, goals, teamwork, leadership and likely contribution to the IMA. A short performance may be offered but is not required unless the invitation says otherwise.

Selection and Notification

Final decisions will consider the written application, reference and reports, Stage 2 video, and interview where one is held, together with the student's enthusiasm for music, readiness to learn and ability to contribute positively to the Academy. Every applicant will receive a final outcome by email. Successful families will then complete the Instrumental Music Academy Student Agreement before the program begins.

WRITTEN APPLICATION — STUDENT DETAILS

Please complete clearly. The student should write the responses in the Student Questions section in their own words.

Student name

Date of birth

Year level in 2027

Current school and home group

Musical interests and experience

1. Which instrument are you most interested in learning or developing?

2. What experience do you already have with this instrument, if any?

3. Do you play, sing, compose, produce or create music in any other way? Please provide details.

Recent achievements

Describe up to four recent achievements. These may relate to music, school, sport, community activities, clubs or personal goals. Include dates or levels where relevant.

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2.

3.

4.

STUDENT QUESTIONS — PART A

These questions help the selection panel understand the student's interests, goals, character and readiness to participate in the Academy.

1. What goals would you like to achieve through the Instrumental Music Academy?

2. Why are you interested in the program, and how could it support your future interests in performance, composition, production, VET/VCE Music or another music pathway?

3. Places in the Academy are limited. What strengths or qualities would you bring to the IMA community?

STUDENT QUESTIONS — PART B

4. What is one area you would like to improve, and how would you work on it both in and outside the classroom?

5. What does the term “Student Musician” mean to you? Do you see yourself as a Student Musician? Explain why.

Current Commitments

List regular commitments outside school, including start and finish times. This helps the Academy understand potential clashes with before-school and after-school sessions.

Schedule	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school					
After school					

CONTACT DETAILS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The email address provided below will be used for Stage 2 invitations, interview arrangements where required, and final application results. Please write all details clearly.

Home phone	_____
Mobile	_____
Email	_____
Mailing address	_____
Suburb	_____
Postcode	_____
Parent/guardian name/s	_____
Parent/guardian phone	_____
Parent/guardian email	_____

Teacher, tutor, coach or organisation reference

Attach a character reference that comments on the applicant's behaviour, willingness to learn, ability and skill level, determination, resilience and capacity to work with others.

Academic and Behavioural School Reports

Attach copies of academic and behavioural school reports covering the previous 12 months.

Final submission checklist

- ☐ Student details and musical profile completed
- ☐ Student questions completed by the student
- ☐ Current commitments and contact details completed
- ☐ Character reference attached
- ☐ School reports attached

Submit completed applications to the Hazel Glen College Main Office or email ima@hazelglencollege.com by the Stage 1 closing time.