Dear CVSS Parents and Students,

From Week 2 - Term 1 - I will be offering private singing tuition for CVSS students on Thursday and Friday. Singing lessons will focus on: vocal tone, pitch, intonation, projection and articulation; performance skills and confidence building; learning repertoire and exploring vocal genres; but above all……..the JOY OF SINGING!

Tuition will be offered as private lessons, or in a group of 2-3 students, who will be matched wherever possible to ensure the best and most engaging learning experience for each child. The lessons will be conducted during school hours, on a rotational basis, with a schedule distributed to each participating student at the beginning of each term.

Singing students will also be invited to participate in the SINGING ENSEMBLE. This is an optional extracurricular activity, only available to those students enrolled in the singing program. Rehearsals for the Singing Ensemble will take place on THURSDAY MORNING at 8am, before school. All students studying voice will be encouraged to participate in the Singing Ensemble, as well engage in the School Choir, which is coordinated by the CVSS music teacher on Wednesdays.

In the singing lessons, a range of genres and songs (appropriate for primary age) will be covered including; popular music, musical theatre, classical, folk, jazz, world music, and both secular and scared song. We will look at: ‘ease and freedom of singing’; vocal exercises to build and strengthen the voice; melody, harmony and rhythm; reading and understanding music; the history of song and vocal music; and repertoire development. If a student shows an interest in song writing, we can work on song and lyric writing skills, as well as all other aspects of performance.

Singing is one of life’s great joys! The voice - the ‘1st instrument’ - is core to our identity and sense of ‘self’. Singing connects us (mind, body and soul) to emotion, to others and to our surroundings. Engaging with music stimulates our intellectual, creative and social potential. I believe that EVERYONE CAN SING! And I look forward to working with any child who loves to sing and wishes to explore singing a little more.

Sincerely, Kacey :)

Please feel very free to contact me if you have any further queries: e. kaceypatrickvoice@gmail.com  m. 0415 220 410
Vocal Teacher

Kacey Patrick

CVSS parent and school musical coordinator.

Professional vocalist (theatre/concert venues/festivals/band and ensembles) of 20 years. Toured both nationally and internationally during career.

Genres: jazz, classical, folk, world music, contemporary, musical theatre, vocal percussion, vocal effects and soundscapes.

Presently studying a Masters of Music Studies - Vocal Pedagogy at Queensland Conservatorium of Music.

Fees

Individual Lessons
$30 per half hour

Group lessons (2-3 students)
$15 per half hour

Administration Cost
$40 per student per year (charged at $10 per term)

The administration fee is a one-off, yearly fee to cover backing tracks, music and lyric charts, additional materials and singing ensemble participation.

Lessons will be billed by the term and will be payable in full or part, at the beginning of each term. If required, additional payment options can be arranged.

“"If you cannot teach me to fly, teach me to sing."” J.M. Barrie

Requirements

A4 Display booklet

USB drive

Singing voice & enthusiasm!!!

Students are asked to bring all of the above to every lesson.

Attendance

Lessons will be conducted by the singing teacher at school, during school hours. Please note that this is a private arrangement between the teacher and the student’s family. Please notify the teacher via SMS:

• If your child is unable to attend any scheduled lesson due to illness, excursions, sporting commitments, etc.

• If your child is discontinuing lessons at any stage throughout the school year.

In the event of missed lessons, every effort will be made to make up/reschedule the lesson at a different time. Failure to notify the teacher, with at least 24 hours notice, may result in the lesson fee being forfeited.

Practice

The student will be provided with backing tracks and music over the course of the term. Ideally, home practice will ensure each lesson is rewarding and the student will see results in their confidence and ability.

Practice does however come in many forms …..singing in the shower, on the way to school in the car, humming throughout the day, imitating a bird’s song….. :)”

Singing brings joy and joy encourages one to sing, so practice should always be undertaken with joy and enthusiasm…..and with encouragement!