

PARENT GUIDE



**LET YOUR
CHILD**

Shine!



What's different about Forte music lesson?

In a Forte lesson, children use our unique **Whole Body Learning** approach which helps them learn quicker and remember more easily. What you'll notice in lessons is that children will...

- Sing and do actions to internalise learning before moving to the piano. This scaffolds the learning and provides a positive succession of little wins along the way.
- Students remember better, because the more neural pathways engaged in learning, the stronger the memory.
- Sing & play with music tracks and video clips which accelerates learning and develops a raft of skills, especially the ability to play in time and follow the music and it's fun!

Current neuroscience research shows that using embodied and multimodal learning strategies (Whole Body Learning) helps students learn more efficiently and remember more effectively.





More about Whole Body Learning...

Forte's Whole Body Learning teaching method is a combination of multi-sensory (including visual, auditory, and kinesthetic) and multi-modal where students move to different locations in the room, use backing tracks and other resources like percussion in the learning process.

Multi-sensory and Multi-modal learning has been proven to be the most brain-friendly way to learn.



visual



auditory



kinesthetic



EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC / INTRODUCTORY PIANO




Through our early childhood music courses your child will develop skills to help with both learning a musical instrument and preparing for school.


LISTENING & AUDITORY DISCRIMINATION:


Developing the ability to listen and hear the various nuances in sound can help with language development and social & emotional development.

SENSE OF BEAT:

Developing their underlying feeling for beat/pulse and staying in time improves literacy and numeracy. Experiencing concepts like fast and slow enhances a child's sense of beat.

 **RECOGNISING PATTERNS:** Music is built on patterns and so are mathematics & language. Many class activities are specifically designed to help your child learn to recognise and predict patterns.

 **SOCIAL SKILLS:** Sitting, waiting, taking turns, being kind to others, and tidying away are key competencies for success in a school environment.

 **CONFIDENCE & SELF-ESTEEM:** Watch your child's confidence grow each week with little 'I can do it!' moments, along with lots of praise from their teacher and other parents in the class.



BEGINNER PIANO COURSES



Forte courses have been designed to make learning music fun and to help your child develop musical skills, that not only bring the gift of music to their lives, but also have a positive effect on both schooling and personal growth.

Your child will love coming to classes each week, having fun with music friends and enjoying learning to play piano.

Singing is the key for developing musical skills. Children are happy to sing with their music friends. Singing helps in every area of musical development, across all instruments, so your child will be well prepared for the school band or orchestra.

In class your child will learn:



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These patterns will be uncovered as your child learns pieces in bite-sized chunks, which they practise at home with Practice Buddy video clips and music tracks.



HOW TO PLAY WITH OTHERS

Playing in class ensembles builds confidence and the skills needed for playing in a band or orchestra. One day your child may even play in their own pop band!



CONFIDENCE & PERSISTENCE

Regular class concerts build self-esteem, confidence and stagecraft.



Why Group Learning Is So Popular



Multi-sensory learning has been proven to be the most brain-friendly way to learn. Forte's Whole Body Learning teaching method is a multi-sensory approach, where multiple senses - including visual, auditory, and kineasthetic - are engaged in the learning process.

1 Confidence & Self-esteem

Confidence & self esteem grows where children learn with and play for others. Parents say that performing in class concerts every couple of weeks in our Junior Keys and Piano Keys courses has often been a game changer for their child.





2 Progress is quicker

Groups continuously move forward, so it's not surprising that we find students typically progress faster. The momentum that groups have provides a natural motivation to practise.

3 We learn better in a group.

Research shows that we learn as much from others as we do from a teacher, and we learn best when we are relaxed & having fun!





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Develop More Musical Skills

There's more to learning music than playing notes on the piano. a group, students can develop so many more skills

- ensemble playing, the ability to play in time with others is an important skill that pianists often struggle with.
- playing games to develop rhythm and theory accelerates and deepens learning and is more fun with teammates
- singing, the key to developing musical skills. Singing is easier, more collaborative and fun, with others.

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Learning is more fun in a group.

We are social beings and studies around the world continue to reveal that learning with others is the best the environment of all!



And you'll have your own Practice Buddy to play along with at home!

What is Practice Buddy?

Practice Buddy is your in-home access to all the music we play in class to play along with at home. When playing with a backing track we are immersed in music and can simultaneously hear the entire sound of a piece and all of its parts.

Learning is accelerated and it's a lot of fun too!

Practising with Practice Buddy will help your child:

Learn Quicker - We learn small sections more quickly than we learn a whole piece and the Practice Buddy backing tracks provide a way for students to experience the whole piece whilst only being required to play small sections building confidence and competence.

Learn more skills - Playing in time is the foundation to learning any musical instrument. Playing with others in a band, orchestra or ensemble is crucial for long-term musical enjoyment. Critical listening skills are needed to do both of these and learning and practising along with Practice Buddy fast tracks these and other skills.

Remember more easily - When we practice with the music from class it transports us back to the memory of our lesson and what we learned. As the music plays our memories are triggered. In Practice Buddy, students can see an instructor's hands (visual) as they play the piece. Students can play the piece along with the instructor so it's like having the teacher at home. This is really great for parents if you feeling stressed because you don't know how to help them.



Other instruments available:



Violin

5 years - Adults



Cello

5 years - Adults

Guitar **5 years - Adults**



FORTE MUSIC *Programs*

INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED	Advanced Piano / Exam Classes	
	Creative Keys	
BEGINNER PIANO	Junior Keys 5 yrs - 7 yrs 	Piano Keys 8 yrs + 
	EARLY CHILDHOOD	 Music is Fun 4 - 5 yrs

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