



Suzuki Violin Lessons



Your role

As a Suzuki parent you will attend your child's lessons to learn alongside with them so that you can lead the daily practice at home.

You will be your child's biggest fan and home teacher and help them through both the easy and the tough times of this journey.

Do not worry about having to know anything prior to starting – you will be given all the information you need in each lesson and all you need to bring is the enthusiasm and commitment to start the journey that will change your life.

In the lessons you will be taking notes, be trying out exercises with the children and be assisting them in order to achieve each lesson's goal. The most important part as a Suzuki parent is, however, to encourage the listening to music at home on a daily basis. Without the role model of beautiful tone and frequent repetition of the repertoire it will be difficult for your child to internalise the pieces and therefore make it difficult to reproduce these on the instruments.



The Suzuki Method is the most wonderful way for you and your child to begin your musical journey of learning an instrument.

The method is based on the principle that all children possess ability and that this ability can be developed and enhanced through a nurturing environment.

Dr. Shinichi Suzuki referred to the process as the Mother Tongue Method and to the whole system of pedagogy as Talent Education.

Music is treated as a language – the children start by imitating the sounds they hear on their recordings while being taught the relevant techniques of 'how' to play their instruments: how is good tone produced? How do we use the bow to make a sound? How do we place the fingers on the strings to alter the pitch?

Everything is taught in small, comprehensible steps so that the children are always able to achieve. This makes the learning process fun and enjoyable as well as inspiring, as the progress becomes tangible. The frequent review and repetition of building blocks and repertoire builds confidence and ensures quality and the method is 100% inclusive.



Lessons

Lessons will be on Thursdays during term time at Hillstone school. You will be given the lesson time for your child to attend and we will endeavour our best to work around any work commitments you may have.

Instruments will be provided, as will be the recordings/audio files you and your child need to listen to on a daily basis.

You will receive a practice diary in which you can take all the notes during lessons and often you will also be given supplementary material to help you understand the process and weekly goals.

The children will also perform regularly and be invited to external events once they are ready.

A sign up form will be sent to you shortly for your child to join the 2021/22 Suzuki programme.

I look forward to meeting you and your child(ren).

All the best, Verena Lauer

A text message will be sent for you to complete a form