

# NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

## 2017 CHAMBER ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

*The next stepping stone for talented musicians.....*



Chamber music is music for a small group of musicians (usually 3-6) where every player has his or her own part. Each player takes on a leadership role as every part is of equal importance. There is no conductor so chamber ensemble players work together to make their own musical decisions. Playing in a chamber ensemble with friends and like-minded musicians nurtures outstanding musicianship and is one of the most enjoyable and rewarding activities that every musician should experience.

As a bridge between solo and orchestral playing, chamber music develops unique musical and social skills:

- Listening –matching sound quality, pitch, rhythm and articulation
- Communication skills, visual and verbal
- Leadership, self-discipline and independence
- Sharing expression and stylistic interpretation
- Extensive repertoire knowledge
- HSC ensemble preparation
- Gigs – weddings, events, busking

Chamber ensembles are made of combinations of instruments - usually orchestral strings, woodwinds and brass, recorders, guitar and/or piano. Some standard ensemble combinations are:

<b>String Trio/Quartet</b>	1-2 violins, 1 viola, 1 cello	<b>Wind Trio</b>	1 flute, 1 clarinet, 1 piano
<b>String Quintet</b>	2 violins, 1 viola, 1 cello, 1 bass	<b>Harp/Guitar/Stgs</b>	Guitar, harp, winds, strings etc
<b>Flute/Sax Trio/Q'tet</b>	3-4 flutes or saxophones	<b>Baroque Ensemble</b>	Strings, flute, recorder & keyboard
<b>Piano Trio/Quartet</b>	1 violin, 1 viola, 1 cello, 1 piano		

### 2017 Chamber Ensemble Program

The program runs during each school term (4 terms/year) and provides:

- 7-9 one-hour tutorials in each school term led by a NECOM instrumental teacher and musician
- Tutorials are on Thursday afternoons but another day is negotiable depending on the tutor's availability.
- 4 concerts, one each term
- Bursaries are available to assist with fee payments (see NECOM website or call office on 6788 2135)

Ensemble Fee per Term	Options
\$100	Early Bird Discount
\$105	Standard
\$140	Late Fee

Deadlines for Payment Options 2017				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<b>Early Bird Discount</b>	<b>Fri 3/2</b>	<b>Fri 21/4</b>	<b>Fri 14/7</b>	<b>Fri 6/10</b>
<b>Standard</b>	Fri 24/2	Fri 12/5	Fri 4/8	Fri 27/10
<b>Late Fee</b>	Payment after Standard Fee of Week 3 deadline passes			

### Chamber Ensemble Requirements

- Students MUST complete the new 2017 Enrolment & Payment form **by no later than Friday 27 January.**
- Students of NECOM, Music Educator Members or private teachers may enrol in this program.
- Minimum standard is AMEB Grade 3/Trinity Grade 4 for orchestral strings, woodwinds, piano, harp, guitar and recorder.
- An Ensemble already established in a school or with friends may enrol.
- Individual students may apply and NECOM will endeavour to create an ensemble with other suitable players/instruments and level. If this is not possible applicants are placed on a waiting list OR fees will be refunded.
- The success of the ensemble depends on reliability and commitment to attend all dates listed.
- Bursaries to cover enrolment fees are available. Contact NECOM or visit NECOM website: [necom.org.au](http://necom.org.au)

### 2017 Chamber Ensemble Program Term Dates

Tutorials are scheduled for Thursday afternoons but this day is negotiable depending on ensemble and availability of NECOM tutor.

(NECOM) Term 1 2017	Term 2 2017	Term 3 2017	Term 4 2017
06.02.2017-07.04.2017	24.4.2017-30.06.2017	17.07.2017-22.09.2017	09.10.2017-19.12.2017

# 2017 CHAMBER ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

This is an important summary of our Enrolment Policy. Please read carefully and file for future reference.

## Enrolment Terms & Conditions

1. Programs are designed for the full year of sequential activities and it is assumed that enrolment is for the full year unless cancellation in writing is received 4 weeks before the start of each term (refer to 'Cancellation of Enrolment' details below).
2. To activate enrolment, all students MUST complete the new 2017 Enrolment & Payment form.
3. After the 2017 enrolment is processed, invoices for Terms 2, 3 and 4 will be sent automatically 4 weeks before each term.
4. It is the responsibility of the Account Holder to notify the NECOM Office of any changes to their contact addresses and student enrolment details as soon as these details change.
5. NECOM reserves the right to suspend/cancel enrolments if accounts are outstanding (non-defaulting payment plans excluded).
6. Accounts that remain unpaid are sent to appropriate agents for recovery. If recovery/legal action is undertaken, the Account Holder (parents/guardians/student) will be responsible for all expenses in relation to the collection of the out-standing amount including, but not limited to, all charges and fees, legal costs on an indemnity basis, and disbursements.
7. NECOM may take and use photographs or videos of activities for promotional and archival purposes.
8. Relevant NECOM policies and directions apply to adult students/parents/guardians/students. These policies may be varied at times by NECOM and up to date copies can be obtained upon request to NECOM.
9. Whilst all care is taken, NECOM accepts no liability for thefts, damage, accidents or injuries that may occur whilst on NECOM premises.
10. It is parents' responsibility to ensure the safe and punctual delivery and pickup of their child outside the allocated room and program times listed. NECOM provides supervision of students during course times only.

## Fee Payment & Options

Refer to Table of the term fees and payment dates overleaf. If payments are not received in full or part by week 4 of each term, NECOM reserves the right to cease or suspend lessons.

### Payment Options

- o Early Bird Discount of \$5
- o Standard fee
- o Late Payment fee of \$35

Pay by the Friday before term starts and get a \$5 discount (Fri 29 Jan in Term 1)

Pay by Friday of Week 3 in each term (Fri 19 Feb in Term 1)

Standard Payment deadline missed incurs an additional late penalty of \$35

### Instalment Payment Plan

Pay term fee by instalments - contact NECOM office to negotiate a payment plan/dates

## Tutorial Attendance Policy: Terms & Conditions

### Late Commencements, Missed Tutorials & Refunds

- New students who enrol after the beginning of the term will be given a pro-rata reduction in tuition fees.
- Tutorials missed will NOT receive a refund under any circumstances.
- In exceptional circumstances (e.g. serious prolonged illness or accident with a doctor's certificate), a request for credit or a refund must be made in writing by post or email ([admin@necom.org.au](mailto:admin@necom.org.au)) to NECOM.
- An administration fee of \$25 will apply if a credit or refund is approved due to exceptional circumstances.

## Cancellation of Enrolment & Withdrawal from program

- Programs are designed for the full year of sequential activities and it is assumed that enrolment is for the full year.
- If you decide to stop having lessons, you must cancel your enrolment and withdraw from the annual program.
- **To cancel your enrolment you must:**
  - o **Notify NECOM office in writing (mail or email [admin@necom.org.au](mailto:admin@necom.org.au)) at least 4 weeks before the start of each term.**
- **If you do not cancel your enrolment, you will be automatically invoiced for your continuing enrolment and must pay the term fee.**
- A telephone call, text or casual conversation with your teacher does not constitute an official written notification to NECOM administration of your cancellation of enrolment.
- Failure to attend lessons does not constitute cancellation, withdrawal or deferment and fees will remain payable.
- If you forget or fail to give written notice to cancel your enrolment before the first week of the term, you will be liable to pay the full term fee as NECOM has contracted the teacher and booked the timeslot to deliver those lessons to the student.
- An administration fee of \$25 will apply if a credit or refund is approved.



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