

# TERRIGAL PIANO & STUDIO

## *Terrigal Piano Studio Teaching Policy 2025*

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Welcome to Terrigal Piano Studio! I'm so excited to share the joy of music with you or your child. Please take a moment to read through our studio guidelines designed to ensure a smooth and enriching experience for everyone.

### **Term Dates & Communication**

- You'll find term dates and holiday schedules on our website: [www.terrighalpianostudio.com](http://www.terrighalpianostudio.com).
  - Stay updated by following us on Facebook ([facebook.com/terrighalpianostudio](https://facebook.com/terrighalpianostudio)). Be sure to "like" and turn on notifications to stay in the loop! We post fun and inspiring content regularly, including videos of performances and musical tips.
  - Photos of students may be shared on the Studio website or Facebook to celebrate their progress (e.g., concert highlights). Let me know if you'd prefer not to have photos shared.
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### **Scheduling Lessons**

- Lessons can be rescheduled during the term if you provide at least 2 weeks' notice for absences due to school or holidays.
  - Extra lessons are available during school breaks if you'd like to keep the momentum going.
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### **Fees & Payments**

- Term fees must be paid before the first lesson to secure your timeslot. Payments can be made via cash or bank transfer.
  - Lesson fees:
    - \$90/hour
    - \$70/45 minutes
    - \$50/30 minutes
    - \$40/20 minutes (preschoolers).
  - **Early Bird discounts** are available—check our website for details!
  - Invoices are sent 2-3 weeks before the term ends. Late payments will incur a \$5/day fee.
  - There's an annual resource fee of \$50, and you should budget \$120-\$150/year for books (depending on the level).
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### **Lesson Durations**

- **30-minute lessons** are for beginners aged 7 or under or Piano Year 1 beginners.
- **45-minute lessons** are required for Piano Year 2+ students and adults, as this allows enough time for a comprehensive musical education.
- **60-minute lessons** are essential for exam students and more advanced students.

Let me know if you'd like to discuss exceptions!

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## Practice & Equipment

- Students need a properly tuned acoustic piano or a weighted 88-key digital piano. Acoustic pianos should be tuned annually.
  - Keep fingernails short for correct hand positioning!
  - Regular practice is essential for progress—parents, your encouragement and support make all the difference.
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## Parental Involvement

- Parents of younger children are warmly encouraged to attend lessons to better understand teaching methods and support practice at home and reinforce their learning. Positive reinforcement is a wonderful way to build confidence and self-esteem!
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## Visitors & Phones

- Visitors and siblings are welcome if they can sit quietly during the lesson.
  - Please keep phones on silent to minimize distractions.
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## Health & Safety

- If your child is feeling unwell, please stay home and let me know. Zoom lessons can be arranged with notice.
  - For everyone's comfort, please remove shoes before entering the studio and wear clean socks or have clean feet indoors.
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## Performance Opportunities

- Our annual concert is a highlight of the year! It's a fantastic chance to build confidence and celebrate achievements. Even if your child isn't performing, attending as part of the audience is encouraged.
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## Missed Lessons

- **If I cancel:** I'll reschedule or apply a credit to the next term.
  - **If you cancel:** With notice, I'll try to reschedule or provide feedback on a submitted video. Zoom lessons may be an option with sufficient notice given. Otherwise, missed lessons are forfeited without refund.
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## Ending Lessons

- If you decide to stop lessons, please provide 4 weeks' notice so we can wrap up on a positive note. Lessons cannot be refunded if cancelled mid-term.
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Thank you for choosing Terrigal Piano Studio! I'm here to make your musical journey as enjoyable and rewarding as possible. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns—I'm always happy to chat. Let's create beautiful music together! By enrolling, you agree to these terms and conditions.

