



# LMC Music Studio

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## Suzuki Group Lesson Information 2021

In addition to individual Suzuki violin lessons, Suzuki Group Lessons are held three times a term at the Studio, with the exception of the Group Concerts, which will be held at Hutt City Church, Marsden Street, Lower Hutt.

Group lessons are a unique and fun aspect of the Suzuki Violin Method, and they are a wonderful opportunity to motivate students.

In group lessons, students will review music repertoire, refine techniques, work and play together as a group, gain confidence, develop leadership skills, make great friends and have a good time!

### Group lessons serve many important purposes:

1. Group lessons give students an opportunity to make new friends who also play the violin.

The students then begin to learn the joys of sharing music with others.

2. Parents and students attend group lessons together, which helps families bond with music and each other.

3. Participating in group lessons is a great way for students to get experience performing in front of an audience. When students begin to play regularly at a young age in front of other people, they gain confidence and therefore more enjoyment when they perform in solo concerts or other events in the wider Suzuki community, or at Camps or Workshops.

4. Having fun with the violin becomes a goal of each class as the child learns through musical games and activities. A relaxed atmosphere enhances the learning experience.

5. Motivation is one of the prime benefits of group lessons. More advanced students learn to become role models as they enhance their leadership skills, perform pieces in front of the group, and play complementary parts for the songs. Younger or beginning students have the benefit of playing with musicians who are more advanced, which allows them to look to those students as role models and encourages them to practice the pieces that they hear in the group lessons.

6. Groups are great preparation for ensemble work. Playing in a group involves an entirely different set of skills than playing a solo. Truly satisfying ensemble playing is a rare and exciting adventure. As the children play together, they begin to follow each other, phrase with the leader, and sound like a polished group. Ensemble skills take a great deal of time to develop, but the rewards are exciting!

7. Group lessons are a good opportunity for the teacher to use review pieces, in order to practice more advanced skills. Because students are continually reviewing, they have more time to learn the new skill, rather than remember the piece.

8. Attending group lessons regularly has proven extremely beneficial in the child's overall musical education, ear training, social development, and enthusiasm for the violin.

1. **Group Lessons:**

All Group Lessons will be at the Studio, except for the two Group Concerts, which will be held at Hutt City Church, Marsden Street, Lower Hutt.

Classes will be approximately 45 minutes in duration.

2. **Group Lesson Fees:**

Group Lessons – 3 classes per term – \$40.00 per term, per student

3. **Group Lesson Dates for 2021:**

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term 4</b>
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	October 29 <sup>th</sup>
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	November 12 <sup>th</sup>
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	June 18 <sup>th</sup> – (concert)	September 24 <sup>th</sup>	November 26 <sup>th</sup> – (Concert)

Studio Terms & Conditions as below:

- i. Please wash your hands and/or use hand sanitiser before entering the studio space.
- ii. Please do not come to the studio if anyone visiting the studio has been unwell at all.
- iii. As classes are set for the year, no catch-up classes will be offered.
- iv. Accounts will be sent via e-mail as each term begins. Fees are due 14 days after invoice. I reserve the right to withhold lessons if accounts are overdue.
- v. The preferred method of payment is via internet banking. Bank account details are on each invoice and statement
- vi. If there is a need for your account to be transferred to a Debt Collection Agency, all fees incurred by this service are at your expense.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me through any of the above details.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynette Carson', written in a cursive style.

**Lynette Carson**

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LMC Music Studio is located at:

**4 Redvers Drive**

**Belmont**

**Lower Hutt**

\*Come down the driveway. There is a main door to the left of the carport. Come through this door, and my studio is on the right.