

# Music Sprouts

## Course outline 2014

**Objectives:** The aims of the course are to provide an introduction to musical elements, music reading, singing, musical movement and ear training, giving a solid basis for further studies into any piano or musical styles. Students will be encouraged to perform in the bi-annual school concerts.

**Age:** 2 years- 4 years

**Group size:** 2-4 students

**Lesson duration:** 40 minutes

**Start level:** This is a class for beginner students.

**Equipment:** Brand new full size digital piano for each student in the lesson

**Lesson Fee:** \$ 200 per term (10 lessons)

**Course delivery:** A 40-minute group class per week over a 10-week term, with 4 terms completing an academic year. 2 terms represent a semester. The course lasts for 1 academic year.

Each semester focuses on the following:

### **Semester 1:**

Introduction to music

Explore the keyboard

Finger numbers of both hands

Dynamics – Loud, Soft and Silent

Colour changes - Major keys and Minor keys

Pitch – High, Middle and Low

Rhythm – Long and Short

Terminology and signs relating to piano notation

Ensemble skills

Perform in the school concert in May, 2014

**Semester 2:**

Review and reinforce techniques learned in Semester 1

Introduce intervals

Rhythm training:

Note value – Whole Note, Half Note and Quarter Note

Rest value – Whole Rest, Half Rest and Quarter Rest

Music alphabet

Music appreciation – Enjoy and express music in different Styles and Colors

Ear training

Music reading skills

Ensemble skills

Perform in the school concerts in November, 2014

**Course requirements:** Weekly class attendances at the South Australia Music & Art Academy.

**Course materials:** Lesson books and supplementary materials (not included in the lesson fees).

**Outcomes:** At the end of the course, students

- Are expected to be able to listen to and express basic aspects of music.
- Have developed an ability to read the music at early elementary level.
- Have developed musical sensitivity.
- Have solid foundations of music for further music study- Junior Pianist (age 4-6)