Cygnus Creative Arts Centre

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**PIANO INSTRUCTION GUIDELINES**

**Guidelines for Piano Students (ages 6+)**

To be considered for instruction, each student must know how to read.

It is expected that the student has easy access to a piano or full-sized weighted (88 keys) keyboard at home in order to facilitate regular proper practice.

To make progress, students should commit to a half-hour lesson every week, backed up with further home-based practice and exercises as assigned.

* Lessons begin promptly at the scheduled time.
* Prior to a Lesson, hands should be washed and fingernails trimmed.
* Students are expected to conduct themselves respectfully at all times during a lesson, by sitting at the piano and paying attention to the instructor.
* No eating, drinking or chewing gum during a lesson.
* Phones must be silenced in the teaching room. No calls or texting permitted during a lesson.
* Students are permitted to record a lesson, but must first notify Mr. Caruso.
* Younger students are expected to practice at home for a minimum of 15 minutes per day, uninterrupted. Older and more advanced students are expected to practice a minimum of 30 minutes per day.
* Song selections, practice routines, and repertoire are decided by Mr Caruso, in consultation with the student/parents. Mr Caruso is the final decision-maker.
* Mr Caruso will recommend and/or provide necessary practice materials. Direct reimbursement (at cost) is requested and paid to Mr. Caruso.

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