INSTRUMENT CARE GUIDE RUYTON MUSIC INSTRUMENTS



GENERAL CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Treat the instrument with great care.
- Ruyton will provide an instrument tag on each case. This displays the instrument name, barcode and student name. If this tag is damaged or lost, please notify the Performing Arts Office as soon as possible so a replacement can be organised.
- Place the instrument carefully back in its case when not in use, making sure to close all latches and/or fully close all zippers.
- The instrument needs to be kept at a constant temperature (e.g. never left in a hot car)

ADDITIONAL STRINGS INSTRUCTIONS

- Tighten the bow at the beginning of each use and loosen the bow at the end of each use.
- Rosin the bow before each use. Additional rosin is available for purchase from the Performing Arts Office.
- The endpin of a **cello** or **double bass** should only be extended once sitting down.
- Connect the shoulder rest carefully to the back of the **violin** or **viola** and remove it carefully before placing the instrument back in its case.

ADDITIONAL BRASS AND WOODWIND INSTRUCTIONS

- Remove the reed from the ligature after each use.
- Allow the reed to full air-dry before closing it in the case to prevent mould growth.
- Use the cleaning cloth to clear and dry the inside of the instrument after each use.
- Additional reeds, valve oil, cork grease, cleaning cloths etc are available for purchase from the Performing Arts Office.

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