

Role Description – Upper Strings Teacher

Position Title	Upper Strings Teacher – Parental Leave Contract
Reports to	Primary Strings Coordinator
Faculty	Primary School – Class 3 to 12
Level	Depending on Experience
Applications close	5 September 2025
Key relationships	Primary Strings Coordinators Faculty Director School Director Instrumental Music Teachers Students Teaching staff Whole school community (staff, parents, interested and active parties)

About Us

Nestled on 20 acres of bushland in the beautiful Samford Valley, just 35 minutes from Brisbane CBD, Samford Valley Steiner School (SVSS) is Queensland's largest Steiner school. We offer an inspiring and holistic educational journey from Preschool to Year 12, blending the rich philosophies of Steiner education with the Queensland Curriculum.

Our school fosters curiosity, resilience, and a love for learning. With a thriving community and a dedicated team, we nurture compassionate, capable individuals ready to make a positive impact in the world. If you share our commitment to educational excellence and student wellbeing, we invite you to join our music faculty.

The Role

We are seeking a passionate and skilled Upper Strings Teacher (Violin/Viola) to join our dynamic music department. This fixed-term role will span Term 3, 2025 to the end of Term 1, 2026, covering a parental leave contract. Working across Classes 3 to 12, the role includes individual and small-group tuition, ensemble direction, and active participation in performances and camps.

You will work under the guidance of the Primary Strings Coordinator to deliver a meaningful and developmentally appropriate music program that aligns with Steiner pedagogy and our school's music vision

Key Responsibilities

Teaching and Learning

- Deliver engaging violin and viola tuition to students in Classes 3–12, incorporating aural-based learning and foundational technique.
- Integrate singing and rhythm into lessons to enhance aural skills.
- Support students' musical, emotional, and social development through a nurturing and inclusive approach.

Ensemble Direction and Repertoire

- Co-direct string ensembles across a range of levels, ensuring appropriate repertoire selection and rehearsal techniques.
- Prepare students for regular performances, school events, and festivals.
- Attend and contribute to annual music events including Primary Music Night and MAD Night.

Curriculum and Program Alignment

- Design and deliver lesson content aligned with the SVSS Music Program Vision.
- Contribute to the ongoing development and refinement of the school's strings program in collaboration with colleagues.

Administration and Communication

- Manage rotating timetables in liaison with classroom teachers.
- Maintain regular communication with parents and staff regarding student progress and event logistics.
- Submit formal student reports twice yearly.

School and Community Engagement

- Attend school music faculty meetings as required.
- Support broader school community initiatives, concerts, and cultural events.
- Participate actively in the cultural life of the school as a valued team member.

Professional Practice

- Engage in individual and collaborative professional development aligned with Steiner Education.
- Stay current with evolving best practices in music pedagogy, especially in the context of holistic education.

Qualifications and Requirements

Essential:

- Bachelor of Music (Violin or Viola specialisation)
- Current Blue Card or QCT registration
- Demonstrated experience teaching and conducting across a range of student age groups

Highly Regarded:

- Understanding of, or interest in, Steiner Education principles
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with a diverse teaching team
- Experience in developing engaging, student-centred music lessons

Why Join Us?

Samford Valley Steiner School is more than a workplace — it's a community. We offer:

- Competitive salary aligned with the Independent Schools QLD award
- Up to 12.75% employer superannuation contributions
- Generous leave entitlements and meaningful work-life balance
- A chance to contribute to a vibrant, child-centred music program in a natural setting
- A collaborative and supportive professional culture with a deep commitment to wellbeing and lifelong learning

Interested in applying?

To apply please submit:

- Your current resume.
- A brief letter (1 -2 page) telling us why you are interested in this role. This should not be a restatement of your resume and does not require you to respond to each of the key capability areas; it is also your opportunity to tell us about yourself, what you'll bring to the role and what you'll get out of it.

Conditions and benefits of the role

This position offers an exciting opportunity to work in a creative, collaborative, and supportive environment where you will play a key role in shaping the development of students across the school through language. Your expertise as a Specialist language teacher with a deep connection to culture, combined with your understanding of Steiner Education, will inspire students to deepen their connection to the world around them, develop language skills, and grow as confident, capable individuals.

SVSS offers competitive salary and benefits (including up to 12.75 per cent superannuation contributions by your employer and generous leave loading), generous leave entitlements. We look forward to working with you.