

Long-established **piano tuning** & repair service.

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Each tuning includes:

- Keyboard polishing with keyslip removed
- Pedal adjustment
- Minor action regulation and keyboard levelling
- Verbal or written report on overall condition
- Quotation for recommended repairs.

Reduced rates for additional instrument(s) tuned on same occasion.

Emergency service for pianos I tune regularly.

Piano checklist:

- Is the keyboard clean? Is it clean right up to the nameboard tape? It needs regular treatment with a quality anti-bacterial cleanser.
- Is the keyboard level? If it dips in the middle, the balance rail washers are worn. If the height is irregular, it needs levelling. This impairs tone and volume. Kneel in front of the piano to check.
- Is hammer movement delayed when a key is depressed? Lost motion saps the piano's vitality.
- When pedals are depressed, do the dampers and hammers respond immediately? If not, the mechanism needs adjusting.
- Are the hammers badly cut by the strings? Refacing/reshaping them greatly improves tonal quality.
- Are all the hammers hitting all three strings squarely? They should be aligned otherwise volume will be lost.

I routinely attend to these points. Is your piano getting this level of attention regularly? I try to maximise the potential of each instrument that I work on.