

## *Caring For Your Piano*

***When you purchase a new Yamaha piano, you are purchasing an instrument that will last for decades if looked after properly. Here are a few tips to condition your piano for optimum performance.***



### ***Tuning***

All new Yamaha pianos have received multiple tunings in the factory prior to being shipped to Australia. Yamaha authorised dealers are required to set-up and tune each piano before it is delivered to the owner's residence. In addition, Yamaha offer at least one complimentary tuning after delivery on each piano and as many as 20 complimentary tunings on grand pianos that qualify for the Premium Care program.

Yamaha recommends that your complimentary in-home tuning be used as soon as practical, allowing a week or two for your piano to settle into its new environment. Following the initial in-home tuning you should have your piano tuned at least every six months by an accredited Yamaha technician.

Neglecting to have your piano tuned regularly would be akin to not having regular servicing of your car. Having invested in a high quality musical instrument, it would be wise to protect your investment with the proper care.

## ***Environment***

As pianos are made predominantly from wood, they will be subject to changes in humidity. All new Yamaha pianos sold in Australia have been 'seasoned' to the highest level ('seasoning' is a process of removing excess moisture from the wood) which allows the pianos to better withstand the very diverse Australian climate.

Even with the safe-guard of seasoning, changes in humidity will affect your piano's tuning stability and in very extreme cases may even cause warping of the woods. Keeping the humidity of the area around your piano constant will allow your piano to stay in tune longer and help maintain the condition of your piano.

There are some things you can do to help avoid changes in humidity. Firstly, avoid placing your piano directly next to a heating or cooling vent; secondly, place your piano (if an upright) against a wall; and thirdly, invest in a humidifier to help keep the humidity constant.

An accredited Yamaha technician will be able to offer further advice relating to your particular environment.

## ***Cabinet***

While your piano is a musical instrument, it is also a stunning piece of furniture and keeping the finish of the cabinet in top condition is important to most piano owners.

Your new Yamaha piano comes with a microfiber mitt which can be used to clean the finish, either on its own or with Yamaha Unicon Piano Polish, available through your local authorised Yamaha piano dealer.

You may also use a slightly damp microfiber cloth to clean both the exterior finish and the key tops, ensuring to use a second dry microfiber cloth to remove any water residue.

The interior of your piano, including the strings, should not be wiped or cleaned by anybody other than an accredited Yamaha technician. To avoid dust accumulating inside your piano, it is recommended that you close the lid and fallboard (both on upright and grand pianos) when the piano is not in use.