

School Band Program

Dear Parents,

Today your child attended a demonstration concert at school showcasing the instruments available for students to learn in 2020. If you would like more information on the school band program, please return the *Expression Of Interest* below within **5 days** to your school office.

Students who have returned this form will have the opportunity to meet with a TSA teacher at school to try various instruments. Following the instrument trial, an Enrolment Pack will be sent home with your child. This will contain detailed information about the school band program, along with information about instrument choice and suitability.

Below is a brief outline of the band program. More information can also be found at www.teachingservices.com.au.



How does the band program work?

Students attend both:

- **Band rehearsal** (all students together in a band) - generally takes place before or after school for 30-60 minutes once a week.
- **Group tuition** (small group or individual lesson) - at school, usually on the same day as rehearsal, and is timetabled with the approval of the school. *Group tuition* has an average of 5 students per group and is encouraged as an easy, social way to begin learning a musical instrument.

Home **practise** is essential, at least 3 or 4 times every week for between 15-20 minutes each practise.

What are the costs?

Rehearsal & Tuition Fees

- Group lessons + Band rehearsal fee = \$195 per term
OR
- Private lesson fee \$395 per term + Band rehearsal fee \$95 per term = \$490 per term

Instrument

- Purchase - expect to pay at least \$600 for a quality new wind/brass instrument
- Hire - TSA runs a rent-to-buy scheme starting at \$43 per month

Other costs include a tutor book (\$20) & music stand (\$25) and TSA resource levy (\$10 per term). Some schools also charge a facility hire levy (\$10-\$30 per term). Some instruments will need items such as cork grease/valve oil (under \$10), or reeds (max \$52)



Please return this slip to your school office within 5 days to ensure your child is called for instrument testing.



Expression of Interest

Student Name: _____ School _____

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____ Class (2019) _____

Phone: Mobile _____ Home _____

Email Address: _____

Please print clearly and carefully to help us correctly enter your details – email is our primary method of contact

Signature: _____ Date: / /

Office Use Only:
Instrument test result _____