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Expression of interest in the Instrumental Music Program for 2025 **Strings and Band**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Each year there is much interest in *Instrumental Music*. We encourage existing and new students to be part of our inspiring program. Learning Music strengthens and builds your child's capacity across all their school subjects. Students in our program also learn many other skills, such as: confidence, communication, team work, respect, etiquette, dedication and resilience. It was great to have our Instrumental Music students of 2024 showing such excellent progress and keen interest.

Within the *Instrumental Music Program* we are fortunate to offer both a Strings and also a Brass and Woodwind Program. In our Strings Program, students are able to play a range of instruments including: Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass. Some instruments will be available for hire from the school, however it has now become quite affordable for one to own a Violin or Viola Outfit for less than \$400. (School Violins and Violas are available for 12-month hire. Cellos and Double Bases are available for 2-year hire.)

Instruments available in the Brass and Woodwind Band Program are: Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium and Percussion. There are also school instruments available for hire in this group, with smaller instruments available for 12-month hire. Larger, more expensive instruments are available for the duration of the child's enrolment in the program.

The *Instrumental Music Program* is a very cost-effective way for your child to learn an instrument. Our yearly tuition fee of \$60.00 will now include essential tutor books supplied to your child. (approx. \$25 each normally). If your child requires hire of an instrument a small additional yearly fee of \$60 will be required. This will be invoiced direct during term 1. Participation in the Instrumental Music program is also dependent on payment of the SRS levy.

Practicing regularly at home, attending weekly music lessons and attending ensemble rehearsal are essential to student progress. Students will engage in one 30-minute lesson per week. This will occur on the same day each week with the time rotating so that students do not miss the same subject. Students will be provided with a timetable to follow. Students will additionally attend one ensemble session each week once they have achieved a certain level with beginners transitioning to this group after about 6-12 months.

This is an amazing, personally rewarding opportunity, but it is also one that demands dedication, commitment and hard work. **If you would like your child to be considered for the Instrumental Music Program, there is an online nomination form that can be found at <https://forms.office.com/r/q6ZyZ76ekK>**


(if you encounter any issues with accessing the survey, please try using Google Chrome)

Please contact me via email cgilm10@eq.edu.au for more information.

Yours sincerely

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