



SCHOOL CONCERT BAND 2020

The school Concert band is enjoying a Gold Award winning band program. We have several instruments available for new members in 2020.

We are privileged to have incredibly experienced and well sought after music teachers: Mrs Toni Stewart and Merv Dick (percussion). Students commence in the Training band and as they progress in their skill, they are able to join the Concert band.

Band practice and tutorial times are held on Mondays and Tuesdays, with a roster developed to minimise classroom disruptions.

Benefits of joining the band include:

- Learning to play an instrument and read music
- Tutorials all at school during class (not lunch) time, so no running around by mum and dad
- Performance opportunities, making new friends
- Developing self-esteem and self confidence
- Band fees are set at a reasonable rate, much lower than the cost of private lessons

The cost of the band is about \$165 per term with some fundraising to keep fees down. The total is added to your fees in a bulk yearly sum, with a one-off fee for a music book and uniform levy to be paid when first joining the band program.

Mrs Stewart has organised a demonstration workshop for Year 2 students next Monday, 11th November. Members of the band will perform and Mrs Stewart will talk about the different instruments and how they are played.

PLEASE NOTE: As we have a limited number of instruments and places available, the Year 2 students will be given a note on the day (they will also be emailed home), indicating pictures and availability of instruments the students can choose.

To make the recruitment process as fair as possible, notes expressing interest **MUST BE RETURNED TO MRS STAWSKI (NOT the office box or Mrs Stewart)** and will be considered on a 'first come first served' basis. They will only be accepted after the workshop day, not before.

There may be other options for any child who misses out – e.g. having their own instrument.

Once your child is enrolled in the band, we will endeavour to issue their instrument and give them one or two tutorials this term, so they can start getting to know their instrument over the summer holidays.

Thank you for your understanding and support, we look forward to welcoming you to the 2020 band.

Sonia Stawski & Band Committee

Band Coordinator

11 November 19