



# FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS STATE SCHOOL

*"Growing Together, Learning Forever"*



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the 2015 Fairview Heights State School Instrumental Music Program and another year of exciting music making and learning. **Ms Toni Warfield** will be teaching woodwind, brass, bass guitar and percussion students on Mondays, as well as conducting the school Concert Band on Monday Mornings.

The Instrumental Music Brochure contains information pertaining to the school Instrumental Music Program and a copy will be distributed to each family.

Please be aware of the following:

- **Contributions:** There is an annual **Instrumental Music Contribution to be paid by each student prior to the commencement of lessons.**
  - For students who have a loan instrument, the Contribution is **\$40.**
  - For students who provide their own instruments, the Contribution is **\$20.**
  - For students who learn percussion, the Contribution is **\$30.**
- **Forms:** Enrolment Forms, Student Resource Scheme Forms and for **Instrument Loans** the EQ11 - Loan Agreement forms (as required) are being distributed to all instrumental music students. Completed forms need to be returned to the office by next **Monday 9 February** to confirm your child's enrolment. Full payment of Instrumental Music Contributions need to be made before students are permitted to take instruments home.
  - As per EQ 11 External Request for Equipment Forms, all damage must be reported to the school to arrange repair. **Parents will be invoiced and agree to pay cost of all loss or damage incurred, unless deemed by the school as fair wear and tear.**
  - School loan instruments will only be issued to students who have confirmed their enrolment by completion of forms and full payment of contributions.
  - If you wish to pay in instalments throughout Term 1, then prior arrangements must be made with the School BSM. Payments must be finalised by the end of Semester One. If payments are still outstanding at the start of Semester Two, then participation in the Instrumental Music Program will no longer be possible.
  - Instruments can **ONLY** be checked out in the Music Block under the supervision of the Business Service Manager (BSM) or Music Staff.

Prior to performances, students in Concert Band will need to organise the music performance uniform. The Fairview Heights State School Parents and Citizen's Association requests of parents/caregivers a contribution encompassing the following:

♫ \$10 per student for the hire of band and ensemble uniforms. The cost is only \$5 per 2nd, 3rd or 4th student in a family.

Very smart vests are part of this uniform and loaned to students for each event. Long-sleeved white shirts, Long Black tailored dress pants, plain black socks and black school shoes form the rest of the uniform and are required to be provided by parents/caregivers.

### **Lessons and Concert Band Ensemble**

This year, students will receive lessons throughout Mondays during school time. Lessons will start in Week 3 **next Monday 9 February**. Please ensure your child has a 2B pencil, correct tutor book, exercise book, supply of reeds/cork grease/valve oil/slide cream/slide grease/drum sticks/drum pad (as applicable), and a display folder to bring to lessons and ensemble. In 2015 all students will be learning from the tutor book series *Tradition of Excellence*

Compulsory Concert Band ensemble times will be held outside school teaching time from **8.15am** through to 9.00am Monday mornings (arrival time for students is 8:00am) and have been arranged to maximise educational experiences for instrumental music students. Students who received lessons in 2014 will be members of the 2015 Concert Band. Concert Band Ensemble time will start in **Week 5 on Monday 23 February**.

### **Percussion**

Percussion students access the use of school instruments in rehearsals and during lessons. At various times the School Xylophone, Drum Kit, Glockenspiels and/or other school instruments will be loaned as designated by the Instrumental Music Teacher. Additional EQ 11 - Loan Agreement Forms are required to be completed for Percussion instrument loans. Percussionists pay \$30 contribution to assist with the provision of percussion equipment and repairs.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance in your child's instrumental music education.

Regards

Mrs Julie Ratelli

Principal

Ms Toni Warfield

Instrumental Music Teacher

<b>2015 Important Dates for your diary</b>
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**Mon 9 Feb**

***Instrumental Music Forms Due***

**TBA**

***Beginner Workshop – All beginners***

**June 26**

***Final Payment Due Date for Instalment Arrangements***

**July 22 – Aug 2**

***Eisteddfod – Instrumental***

**August 18 - 20**

***Division One Music Camp (for eligible students)***

**October 13 - 15**

***Division Two Music Camp (for eligible students)***

**Beginning students:** *There is no longer a Regional Beginner Music Camp, however a Beginner Workshop (no cost) may be held with nearby schools. Further information will be provided if this event transpires.*

**Concert Band Members:** *A signed note of explanation from parents/caregivers is required for any absences or late arrivals to the ensemble. Please hand these notes directly to Ms Warfield.*