

GROSE VIEW PS CONCERT BAND

Enrolment Form - 2022

School band programs provide an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 6 to experience the world of making music as an ensemble. My program is an exciting chance for children to participate in an enjoyable and rewarding musical experience.

Being part of a band can provide children with skills that will last a lifetime. In addition to the obvious musical benefits, children playing an instrument in a band benefit socially, physically and often academically. Children learn valuable team skills, and above all, have fun!

Learning an instrument as part of a school band has incredible benefits for students:

- Learning music improves concentration and memory.
- Music provides an avenue for creativity and self-expression.
- Children can meet new friends in different year levels.
- Children learn self-discipline, organisation and how to cooperate with others.
- Working towards a common goal as a team, improving self-esteem and confidence.

Through practice, tuition, rehearsals and performances, band members build a more robust sense of self-belief and camaraderie with their peers, the positive effect of which flows on throughout the school.

Program Structure:

All students involved in the band program will undertake one instrumental lesson (either privately or through on-site tutorials) and one whole band rehearsal on a weekly basis (8-9 weeks per term).

Tutorials:

Tutorials (30-minute duration) will rotate every term to minimise disruption to the classroom curriculum. The amount of time taken out of class – a 30-minute tutoring session once per week for 9 weeks – is the equivalent of one day out of school for a sporting event.

Tutorial fees are \$200 per term (excl. GST). I endeavour to keep these costs to a minimum and one way I can do that is to have tutors come to the school and teach multiple students on the one day. You will find that these tutoring costs are far cheaper than private lessons and/or local music schools in the area.



Rehearsals:

Whole band rehearsals are where children will learn to play as part of a larger ensemble. We rehearse Wednesday afternoons from 3.10pm in the school's hall. Rehearsal fees are \$100 per term (excl. GST). This is to cover the cost of the conductor, administrative costs and extra costs involved in having the conductor and/or tutors attend performances.

Please note: a strict COVID-19 safety management plan will be in effect to reduce transmission risks and to support school staff, students and the school community to be well and COVID-Safe.

Instrument Hire:

Instruments are available to hire through the school, free of charge. Alternatively, you may wish to purchase an instrument or select to learn an instrument that is already owned. Please note drums are not available for hire.

Creative Kids Voucher:

The Band program is externally managed and as such, parents and carers will be able to utilise the NSW Creative Kids vouchers to reduce their fees even further. For more information, please visit the Creative Kids website:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

Young people love playing music together and will be happier and healthier for doing so. A school that is alive with the sound of music is a happy and productive school in which students are challenged to realise and achieve their full potential.

Please visit www.tinyurl.com/gvpsband to complete the online enrolment form.

Due by: Friday, 13th May 2022

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch via email or our Zoom Q&A on **Wednesday, 4th May** from **4.30pm**.

Meeting link: www.tinyurl.com/groviewps

Passcode: 668025

Kind regards,

Mr Peter Earl

