

5th October, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: INSTRUMENTAL STRINGS MUSIC – PRELIMINARY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR 2024. Available from Year 3 – Year 12.

Your child could soon gain a place in one of the schools most sought-after extension programs, the Instrumental Music program. We are now looking to find new musicians to fill the spaces left by those graduating from our school. Recruitment for 2024 is beginning this month. **Please return the slip attached to the office to register your interest in the program by Wednesday 26th October.** Instrumental Music lessons take place during school hours, with rehearsals usually taking place before school, after school or during lunchtime. Strings includes double bass, cello, viola and violin.

This letter is to register interest in the Instrumental Music program. Some instruments are available for loan in the first year of lessons to assist parents with the costs of involved in purchasing their own instruments.

Some larger instruments, such as double bass and cello are available for extended loan but most students will need to purchase an instrument to continue in their second year of tuition. Daily home practise and participation in weekly before school band rehearsals (when ready to join band) is a requirement of being in the program. The costs involved in the program include a \$120.00 per year hire fee if your child is using a school instrument and a \$50.00 per year for Music Fees. Students will also need to purchase some music books and some relatively inexpensive consumables such as rosin.

A selection process enables us to match student requests and aptitudes with the spread of instruments available. Results from Music Teacher observations, standardised music tests and physical aptitude tests are utilised for comparisons. Subsequent to this process, offers for a number of places in the program will be made later in term 4.

Please complete the expression of interest form and have your child return it to the school office by Wednesday 26th October.

Yours in music,

Penny Williams
Instrumental Music Teacher – Strings

Gerri Courtney
HOD LOTE/The Arts/HPE & Instrumental Music Coordinator



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Instrumental Music

Preliminary Expression of Interest Form

Please return to Mrs Courtney at Administration
via the school office

My child is interested in the program. I would like them to be considered for the Instrumental Music Program for 2024. I will attend the parent meeting.

My child is not interested in the program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Name of school: _____

The String instruments that my child is interested in playing are **numbered 1-3, first to third preference below** (Please note that this is an indication and is not necessarily the instrument your child will receive)

Double bass Cello Viola Violin

If there are instruments you do not want your child to be considered for please indicate

Please mention if your child already learns an instrument or participates in any other musical activity outside of school _____

Any further comments or information we need to know _____
