



Instrumental Music Program

c/o UC High School Kaleen

Baldwin Drive

Kaleen ACT 2617

Excellence in Instrumental Music Education since 1973

Band Offer of Place Cover Note

Dear families

Please see below information regarding your child's IMP Band Offer of Place. Please read carefully and discuss with your child the 2-year commitment (1 year for year 6 students) of being in band before signing and returning the form. **This form is due back on Friday 8 March 2024.**

The yearly cost of band is \$215. This includes the cost of books, music, instrument hire, repairs, musical equipment and transport to various rehearsals and performances.

The teachers are Jacinta Dunlop (IMP teacher) and Lynne Washington. Lessons will be on Tuesdays from 10:15-11am and Thursdays from 2-2:45pm.

Please see the below link and QR code for parent information videos:

- [Intro Video: IMP Band Program - Google Drive](#)



Kind regards

Annamaria Zuffo and Lynne Washington

Principal and Performing Arts Teacher

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have been advised that your child has been offered a place in your school's Year 5 IMP Band Class. This decision has been arrived at after joint consultation between the Principal, the classroom teachers and the Instrumental Music Program staff. Before accepting this offer, I would like to outline the benefits to, and the expectations of you and your child should you agree to undertake the Program. It is important that you make this detail clear to your child before notifying your school of your acceptance.

Your school contributes significant finances to the operation of the Program each year. These funds are allocated to the purchase and maintenance of instruments, the purchase of music for your child's use as well as the general running-costs of the Program. The Education Directorate employs qualified and experienced classroom teachers who will be the instructors for your child. We ask that families pay a \$215 contribution each year to assist in funding this program.

Benefits - Your school will provide you with an instrument that belongs to the Education Directorate and administered by the Instrumental Music Program. We guarantee that your child will continue to have an instrument for band class at primary school and while we encourage you to use it as if it were your own (in community bands and other groups as well as at school), we also encourage you to look after it as if it were your own. It is important to note that it must be returned to the Program if it requires repair or maintenance, and a replacement instrument will be provided to your child. Your child will be instructed in a Program that is recognised internationally as transformative and has been successfully operating in the ACT for over 50 years. This instruction is delivered in a group setting.

Responsibilities - Your child is expected to be involved with the Band Class for the remainder of primary school (Years 5 & 6). This obligation is important as it is not possible to replace students who drop out at a later stage. Your support is vital in the development of your child's instrumental skills. Whether or not you are a musician you can assist with encouragement at home and in ensuring that regular practice is undertaken. The recommended practice routine should be 10 to 15 minutes daily in the early stages.

Maximum care of the instrument is imperative. Teachers will provide information regarding care and maintenance during class time. We understand that accidents will happen, and we insist that repairs are not attempted by parents or passed on to unauthorised repairers. You may be asked to pay for the repair or replacement of an instrument which is deliberately damaged by your child.

I would appreciate the return of the attached note **to your school** as soon as possible so that numbers may be finalised. There is no obligation to accept this offer – it should be a joint decision with you and your child.

Warm regards,

Joel Copeland

Principal

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THE BENEFITS OF MUSIC EDUCATION ON BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

Developed by Dr Anita Collins in conjunction with IMP staff.

Research has found that learning a musical instrument can improve brain development in the following ways:

- Making, storing and retrieving information
- Learning and understanding language
- Regulating their logical and emotional responses
- Understanding and responding to sounds
- Working in teams
- Creating ideas and working creatively

These types of brain developments are associated with the following types of behaviours:

- Improvements in thinking and analytical skills
- Improved academic performance across different subject areas
- Improved social interactions
- Improved brain health that can last into later life
- Improved ability to understand and accept confusion and discomfort when learning new and difficult concepts
- Improved resilience and the ability to cope with change
- Improved attention span

These types of behaviours lead to:

- Greater capacity to maintain positive levels of well-being through life
- The ability to solve problems and find creative solutions that has been identified as a behaviour in high performing professional and effective leaders
- The ability to adapt to new working environments and continue to learn and advance across their working life
- career choices, relationships and pathways
- A well-rounded human being who can learn effectively and efficiently, perform at a high level academically and professionally while finding creative solutions to problems, understand and be discerning about their own behaviour and maintain healthy levels of brain function into later life.

- Greater capacity to make considered choices and to be more discerning about

Instrumental Music Program – offer of place response**THROSBY SCHOOL**

I have read and understood this letter explaining the benefits and responsibilities of membership of the Band Class operated by the Instrumental Music Program at my child's school.

(Please tick one box below and return this form to Throsby School)

- We wish to **accept** the offer of membership of the Year 5 Band Class
- We **do not** wish to accept the offer of membership of the Year 5 Band Class

Signature of parent/guardian: Date:

Name of student Signature of student: