

# Joining the Band Program 2019

## Why should a student join the band program?

- Learning a musical instrument is easy for children but it becomes more difficult as you get older. The best time to start learning to play an instrument is in year 3 – 4.
- Playing an instrument promotes healthy growth in the brain. It stimulates the brain and increases neurological activity.
- Learning an instrument will improve your child's performance in the classroom with literacy and numeracy as well as other creative subjects.
- Studying music teaches children skills of persistence, self-control, cooperation and working together.
- It is an art skill that will stay with them for life.
- It improves listening skills.
- It is FUN.

## How does this program work?

Students are taught to play an instrument during the school day. They are withdrawn from class for a lesson each week in small groups of 2, 3 or 4 with students who have a similar ability/instrument. They will receive 8 lessons per term and when they have reached a level of skill will join beginner band on a Thursday morning before school at 8:00am

## Does a student need any prior musical understanding to join the program?

No. All skills including reading music and playing are taught in the band program.

## What instruments are included in the band program?

- Flutes,
- Clarinets,
- Trumpets,
- Trombones,
- Euphonium,
- Tuba,
- Saxophones,
- Bass guitar,
- Keyboard,
- Percussion including drums.

## How do you get your child into the band program?

- Determine which instrument is right for you child. Your child's size and facial features are important in the selection of an instrument. They must be happy with their choice. The band director can help you with this decision.
- Acquire an instrument.

## How can a student acquire an instrument?

- Borrow one from a family member or friend.
- Purchase a new instrument through a music instrument retailer. (**OZwinds** at Southport are great. Visit their web site [Ozwinds.com.au](http://Ozwinds.com.au) or call them for purchase or rental details)
- Purchase an instrument second hand.

(N.B. Great care should be taken to avoid cheap inferior on-line instruments. Aldi musical instruments are not always reliable. The band director can put you in touch with a second hand instrument supplier who is a trained instrument repairer. Usual cost is between \$250 - \$350)

- Hire a school owned instrument. There are a few instruments ready for hire. First in best dressed. (Other providers are available for the hire or instruments. See Mrs Seckold for information)

## How much does the program cost?

The cost for the Band Program is \$160 per term. This includes instrument tuition and band rehearsals and performance opportunities. There are eight lessons each term.

The tutor book can be bought through the office for \$22.

Instrument hire from the school is \$40 per term.

## What commitment is required to succeed in learning an instrument?

Learning an instrument needs a commitment from the whole family.

Time must be allocated for children to practise every day. (Only 5 to 10 minutes for beginners and 15 to 20 minutes for seniors)

The embouchure is made up from 43 facial muscles which are used to make sound on a wind instrument. These muscles need constant exercise as they are quick to lose strength.

## Excursions and performances.

Students are presented with opportunities to perform throughout the year culminating with our extravaganza 'Banora Rocks'.

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE BAND PROGRAM - SEMESTER 2 INTAKE**

Students in years 3-5 are invited to join the Banora Point School Band Program.

The semester two timetable is being drawn up this week.

Attached is information about the program. If your child would like to become a Band Member please complete and return the form below.

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**Expression of Interest for Instrument Program 2019**

Dear Mrs Seckold,

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_ to join the Banora Point Public School Band Program.

They would like to play.....

FLUTE    CLARINET    TRUMPET    TROMBONE    TUBA  
SAXOPHONE    KEYBOARD    PERCUSSION    BASS GUITAR

(Please circle choice of instrument)

My child already has their own instrument.

I will be buying an instrument for my child.

I would like to hire a school instrument.

I understand that there are costs involved in this program.

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Parent signature

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Contact number