

GOLDEN GROVE LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Band Programme

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are thrilled to announce the establishment of our Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School Band Program. It is with great pleasure that we are now taking expressions of interest for students in Years 3 to 6 to join our School Band.

Later this term, we will be hosting a Band Information Night on a Thursday after school (more information to follow), where parents and students can meet the tutors and try out the different instruments on offer. The instruments demonstrated will be Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone. It is important to attend this session as the tutors will be recommending mouth pieces/instruments that best suit each student.

3-6 Band Program at a Glance

The initial cost will be \$30 per week which covers weekly band and instrument tuition sessions each term. This amount is calculated based on a minimum of 10 students signing up for the program and can be paid through the Qkr! app. It is important to note that we do require at least a minimum of 10 students in order for the band programme to go ahead.

The \$30 per week tuition fee will cover private tutors coming to the school to provide a 40 minute Band Rehearsal and a 30 minute Group Tutorial each week.

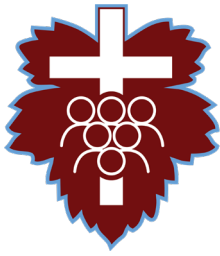
There will also be an additional cost payable to Size Music to cover the cost of instrument hire for your child and the purchase of a tutor book (@ \$30). The hire cost will depend on the instrument. Please see the termly cost list below:

Flute	\$67
Clarinet	\$67
Alto Saxophone	\$129
Trumpet	\$67

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Trombone

\$74

The school intends to purchase some additional reeds for the woodwind section, so parents can purchase replacement reeds when needed for an additional small cost.

The Band Program will be run by Mrs Ali and two external Music tutors from Term 2 onwards. The dedicated and qualified music tutors will deliver tuition in our school setting to deliver a band program with quality outcomes, enhancing the opportunities available for students and the creative culture of the school, through performances and inspiring children in creative and artistic endeavours.

Playing a musical instrument has proven positive benefits for children. Studies show playing music in an ensemble increases aptitude for learning in all areas from mathematics to art, as well as improving social skills, discipline and instilling an enjoyment and appreciation for the performing arts in a way few other activities can. Students learn countless lifelong skills that help them develop into intelligent, creative leaders such as leadership, organisation, dedication, and teamwork. Research has also proven that the study of music allows cognitive abilities to grow and test results improve in the math and sciences.

Now is the time to consider joining the band. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to partake in the enjoyment of music - something that can last a lifetime!

Yours sincerely

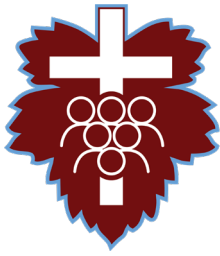
Naomi Ali

(Music Teacher)

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Year 3 – 6 School Band Program

Welcome to the start of the school year 2024. This year GGLPS are proposing a new musical initiative: A School Band Program.

What is involved

Students who express an interest in playing a woodwind or brass instrument will be given an opportunity to try out a woodwind or brass instrument towards the end of term 1. If an instrument is chosen, then parents will be given instrument lesson and hire information. If there are enough interested students, group lessons will be offered on a Friday afternoon followed by a lesson of band practice. The program involves a 40 minute band rehearsal **and** a 30 minute group tutorial at school, adding real value. All rehearsals will be held on Fridays during the school day. The cost for the School Band Program is \$30 per week, plus instrument hire and the cost of a workbook. The band will rehearse every Friday from 2.20-3.00pm.

Equipment Requirements

Students will need to provide their own instrument and pencil at the rehearsals. They will also be asked to buy the tutor book required for band and it is advised they have a music stand sleeve for practising at home.

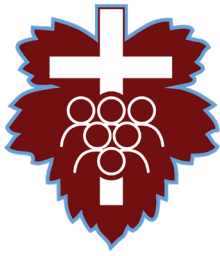
How to Enrol

A balance in instrument choice is crucial for a band to develop. We are looking for students to play a range of instruments including flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet and trombone,. Please complete and return the expression of interest form attached to indicate whether the band program is viable to proceed.

Please email ali.naomi@goldengrove.sa.edu.au or phone (08) 8282 6000 if you have any questions about enrolling your child in the School Band Program or instrument hire.

We are very excited to extend this opportunity to your child to be a part of the School Band Program in 2024.





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Naomi Ali

(Music teacher)

SCHOOL BAND:EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

NAME OF STUDENT:

CLASS:

CONTACT NUMBER:

EMAIL:

PREVIOUS MUSICAL EXPERIENCE (IF ANY):.

PREFERRED INSTRUMENT:

The instruments on offer at the information night will be Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone. At that session, you will be asked for an instrument preference with a first, second and third choice. Please note that not all instruments will be an option for every child due to physical size, teeth development and level of difficulty. Tutors will be available to discuss this with you on the night.

Please return the form to the school office indicating your interest, so we have an idea of how many families will be attending the information night. Thank you.

If completely unsure, your band tutor can discuss this further with you and your child.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _

