



25 October 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to invite your son to participate in our YEAR 3 TO 7 BRASS AND WOODWIND IMMERSION PROGRAM for 2020. This initiative provides all students with the opportunity to learn a Brass or Woodwind musical instrument funded by the school. If your son has not elected Specialist Music or General Music in the Middle School, he still has the opportunity to be exposed to the benefits of learning a musical instrument.

This program adds excitement and depth to our existing Primary and Middle School program at Blackfriars. It also provides a wonderful opportunity for our boys to be involved in a program which will help develop not only musical skills, but proven concentration, co-ordination, teamwork, literacy, self-esteem and confidence. The program has been a large success since its implementation and many students have been inspired in their musical journey.

The program gives students an opportunity to learn a Woodwind or Brass Instrument and contribute to our Concert Band 3. Students will come out of timetabled lessons for 30 minutes per week for eight lessons per term. Students will then have the opportunity to participate in the Australian Band and Orchestra Director's Association (ABODA) Festival in August and the Blackfriars Annual Concert.

The program will commence in Week 3 of Term 1, 2020, along the following guidelines:

1. All boys in Years 3 to 7 are eligible to apply to learn either a Woodwind or Brass instrument on a weekly basis. **Tuition fees and instrument hire will be financed by the school.**
2. Students who are involved in Specialist Music in Year 7 and who are applying for the program will be contacted separately.
3. Students who are not enrolled in Specialist or General Music in the Middle School are still encouraged to apply.
4. The 30 minute lessons will be taught in small **groups of up to four**, by qualified instrumental music staff in the music studios in the Music Suite.
5. Selection of suitable instruments will be discussed between the student, parents and music teaching staff.
6. It is an expectation that students will continue on with their instruments on a private instrumental lesson basis after being involved in the programme, supported and funded by families
7. Limited places will be available in the year 2019, with priority being given to boys who have previously not been involved in this program.
8. IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM COMMENCE PLAYING IN CONCERT BAND 3 as a co-curricular ensemble. Our main aim is to provide quality instrumental teaching and extensive co-curricular music programs within the school. An invitation to this group will be sent out by the Music Coordinator.
9. A nominal YEARLY cost to cover instrument repairs and music will be set at \$120. This will be charged to your school fee account.
10. Students must enter an agreement to attend lessons, bring along all required equipment to classes, keep a practice diary at home, look after their instrument and be involved in co-curricular music events or assembly items when applicable
11. Any damage incurred by students to instruments will be charged to families

Please note: Individual, private instrumental lessons are separate to this program.

An application form is attached. Please return by Wednesday 27 November via the Front Office or email to lhunter@bps.sa.edu.au so that learning groups can be established as soon as possible. You will be notified of a place as soon as we ascertain the numbers at each year level.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions. I strongly encourage students to engage in this exciting opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Libby Hunter
Music Coordinator R-6



Brass & Woodwind Program Application

Student Surname _____ Student First Name _____

2020 Year Level _____ 2019 Home Group / Class _____

Parent's Name _____ Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Has the student been involved in this program previously? YES NO

Previous music experience (if applicable) _____

Any learning or medical needs that the Instrumental Tutor should be made aware of or take into learning considerations?

Please indicate which applies to you if enrolled in the Middle School:

I am enrolled in Year 7 General Music

I am enrolled in Year 7 Specialist Music

I have not enrolled in Music as part of curriculum time but I would like to take the opportunity to learn an instrument

Please select your FIRST AND SECOND PREFERENCE from the list provided below. We will endeavour to give your son his first preference but may need to discuss suitability and/or availability of the instrument. Please choose one instrument from each list:

WOODWIND

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone

BRASS

- Trumpet
- Trombone

FIRST PREFERENCE:

SECOND PREFERENCE

Please read carefully the following criteria then sign and return to the Music Department.

- Tuition will be in groups of four students where the students will come out of class
- Lessons will be for 30 minutes, based on an eight-week term
- Students will be required to attend CONCERT BAND 3
- A yearly \$ 120 levy will be charged to your account to cover music and instrument repair costs
- A practice routine of five sessions per week for 20 minutes is expected
- Due care of the instrument at school and home is required
- If due care is not taken with instruments, repair charges will be incurred by families
- Hire and Exchange of instruments must be arranged through Music Administration and Senior Library Staff
- Participation in ensembles and performances will be expected
- Instrument must be brought to school on the designated lesson time and day
- Families are to inform instrumental teachers by 8am on the day of a designated lesson if the student will be absent

I have read and agree to the above conditions.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT BY WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2019.

Signed Parent / Caregiver _____ Date ____/____/2019

Signed Student _____ Date ____/____/2019