

Sacred Heart, Westmead School Band Program – 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, and a very special welcome to our new students and parents! We are looking forward to another great year of making music.

Correspondence will be via email. Please ensure this is your most up to date email address and notify TSA if you change it or would like additional parents/guardians added to our contact list.

NEW BEGINNERS (those learning an instrument for the first time in 2018)

There are two components to the Band Program: Group lessons and a Full Band rehearsal both held on the same day.

- **Group lessons:** Start Tuesday February 6. Students will be collected from their class.
- **What to bring:** Instrument and *Accent on Achievement* book if already purchased, although those items ordered through TSA will be *distributed in the first lesson*.
- **Full Band Rehearsal:** Beginners will not be required at band rehearsal until **Term 2** and rehearsals will take place at lunchtime on Tuesdays.

This first lesson will focus on showing new students how to set-up and care for their instruments. A final timetable of lesson groups will be developed in conjunction with the school early in the new term.

Parent Information Night - During Term 1, parents have the opportunity to attend a short informative evening. Details on how the program is structured, practice tips, instrument care & maintenance will be covered. See the attached note with details regarding venue and dates or download from TSA website.

EXISTING BAND STUDENTS (those who already learned an instrument in 2017)

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Tuesday February 6 at lunchtime.
- **Group lessons:** Start Tuesday February 6. Students will be collected from their class.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and Band folder.

The first lesson will focus on finalising grouping and assessing how continuing students have progressed across the Christmas break.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2018, band and tuition fees will be \$180 per term plus \$10 TSA resource levy. TSA will email invoices at the beginning of each school term and your invoice needs to be finalised within 2 weeks of issue or late fees will apply.

Exiting the Band Program – TSA requires notice by the end of any term if your child wishes to exit from the program in the next term. If notice is not given, term fees will be charged.

Absence from Band – if your child will be absent from band or lessons please be sure to contact your child's band director to notify them of this absence. In particular absences to rehearsals or tuition outside of school hours must be communicated clearly so TSA can confirm your child is safe and accounted for.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Band Director: Mr Tom Curran tom@teachingservices.com.au (timetabling, groups, band rehearsals)

TSA Admin Staff: 9651 7333 (enrolments, instrument hire and service)

TSA Website: www.teachingservicesaustralia.com.au (notes are also available here)

We wish your child all the best in the Band Program! Please let us know if we can help you in any way.