

Murray Farm Public School Band Program – 2019

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 2019*)

There are two components to the Band Program: Group lessons and a Full Band rehearsal.

- **Group lessons:** Week commencing 4 February. Students have been advised by email of their group lesson time and day.
- **What to bring:** Instrument and *Accent on Achievement* book.
- **Full Band Rehearsal:** Beginners will not be required at band rehearsal **until Tuesday 5 March**. The rehearsal is held on Tuesday mornings at 7:45am.

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.

EXISTING BAND STUDENTS (*those who were already enrolled in band in 2018*)

- **Full band rehearsal:** **CONCERT BAND:** Starts Wednesday 6 February at 7:45 in the school hall.
PERFORMANCE BAND: Starts Friday 8 February at 7:45 in the school hall
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil and band folder.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2019, band and tuition fees will be \$190 per term (for group lessons + band) or \$95 for “band only” enrolment, plus a \$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

Program Director: Mrs Heather Newland heather@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.