

St Mary's Rydalmere School Band/Keyboard 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 both held on the same day.

- **Group lessons:** Start Wednesday 6 February. 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 on Wednesday at 3:10pm-3:40pm in the school hall.

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 already learned an instrument in 2018)

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Wednesday 6 February at 7:45am in the hall
- **Group lessons:** Start Wednesday 6 February. 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.

KEYBOARD STUDENTS

Keyboard students are not required to attend full band rehearsals. Tuition for keyboard students will take place during class time again in 2019 and students will be collected from class by their tutor when required. Lessons commence on Wednesday 6 February. Please bring your book and folder.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2019, band and tuition fees will be \$190 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.

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.

Creative Kids Vouchers – TSA is a registered provider and all families can apply for their \$100 voucher by visiting www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids. The voucher may be used at any time in 2019.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Band Director: Mr Damian Butler damian@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.