

Waitara 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 there are changes to your contact details.

NEW BEGINNERS (those learning an instrument for the first time in 2019)

There are two components to the Band Program: private instrument tuition and a full band rehearsal.

- **Private tuition:** Week commencing 4 February. Parents should make contact with a private tutor and arrange lessons.
- **What to bring:** Instrument and *Accent on Achievement* book.
- **Full Band Rehearsal:** **TRAINING BAND:** Starts Thursday 7 February in the school library from 7:45am

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

- **Full band rehearsal:** **CONCERT BAND:** Starts Monday 4 February in the school library. Rehearsals are Monday morning 7:45am and Friday afternoon until 4:30pm
SENIOR WIND ENSEMBLE: Starts Monday 4 February in the school library. Rehearsals are Monday afternoons until 4:30 and Friday morning from 7:45am
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil and band folder.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2019, band fees will be charged per term, plus a \$10 TSA resource levy. TSA will direct debit or 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.

Band Camp – Please note the dates for Band Camp: 21-23 June 2019. More information will be coming closer to the date.

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.