

Castle Hill PS Band Program – 2020

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 2020)*

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

Group Lessons *(after school every Wednesday):*

- Start Wednesday 5 February (Bring Instrument and *Accent on Achievement* book. Any items ordered through TSA will be distributed in the first lesson.) This first lesson will focus on showing new students how to set-up and care for their instruments.
- Lessons take place after school each Wednesday.
- Students will be allocated a 30min group during this time, and your band director will contact parents directly via email with allocated lesson times prior to school resuming

Full Band Rehearsal *(before school every Wednesday):*

- Beginners will not be required at morning band rehearsal until **Week 6 (4 March)**. Training Band rehearsals will take place on Wednesday at **7:45am** in the school hall.

EXISTING BAND STUDENTS *(those who already learned an instrument in 2019)*

Group Lessons:

- Start Wednesday 5 February. Bring instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and band folder

Full Band Rehearsal:

- Starts Wednesday 5 February in the school hall
- INTERMEDIATE *(formerly Concert)* BAND: 3-3:50pm in the school hall
- SENIOR *(formerly Performance)* BAND 4-4:50pm in the school hall

Your band director will contact parents directly via email with lesson times and band allocation prior to school resuming.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2020, band and tuition fees will be \$195 per term plus \$15 facility hire fee and \$5 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 notify the band director. In particular, absences to rehearsals outside of school hours must be communicated clearly so we 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. Please then apply to use this voucher for you band fees by submitting the voucher information via the TSA website www.teachingservices.com.au

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: Mrs Lucia Bichara lucia@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.