

Murray Farm Public School Band Program – 2020

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.

NEW BEGINNERS (those learning an instrument for the first time in 2020)

There are two components to the Band Program: beginner group lessons and a full band rehearsal.

- **Group lessons:** Start the week of Monday 3 February – beginner group lesson times have been sent via email.
- **What to bring:** Instrument and *Accent on Achievement* book. Those items ordered through TSA should be collected at 7:30am on Friday 31 January from the school hall.
- **Full Band Rehearsal:** Training Band rehearsals will start on 3 March. Rehearsals will then be on every Tuesday morning from 7:50am. Please arrive a few minutes early to set up.

CONCERT BAND

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Wednesday 5 February at 7:50am. Please arrive a few minutes early to set up.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and black display folder.
- **Private instrumental tuition:** All students in Concert and Performance bands must be enrolled in private instrumental tuition. If you require private tutor names, please contact TSA.

PERFORMANCE BAND

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Friday 7 February at 7:50am. Please arrive a few minutes early to set up.
- **What to bring:** Instrument, pencil, and black display folder.
- **Private instrumental tuition:** All students in Concert and Performance bands must be enrolled in private instrumental tuition. If you require private tutor names, please contact TSA.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2020, band and tuition fees will be \$195 per term for students in Training Band/beginner group tuition, plus \$10 resource levy. Concert and Performance Band fees are \$95 per term, plus \$10 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 TSA Coordinator or band director. In particular, absences from lessons and 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

TSA Coordinator: Heather Newland heather@teachingservices.com.au (02) 9651 7333

Band Directors: Training Band & Performance Band: Steve Lavis steve@teachingservices.com.au
Concert Band: Rowen McBride rowen@teachingservices.com.au

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.