

St Declan's Penshurst School 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:** Start Tuesday 4 February. Students will be collected from their class.
- **What to bring:** Instrument and *Accent on Achievement* book if already purchased, and 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 every Tuesday from 3:15-4:00pm in the Meeting Room under the Parish Church.

The 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 2019)

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Tuesday 4 February, Training Band 3:15-4pm / Concert Band 8am-8:45 in the meeting room under the Parish Church.
Students will remain in the same band they attended in 2019 to begin term 1 but all Training Band students from 2019 will eventually move into the morning Concert Band. This should happen by the end of term 1 and Mr Walton will email parents with further details once term resumes.
- **Group lessons:** Start Tuesday 5 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.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2020, band and tuition fees will be \$195 per term plus \$10 resource levy fee. 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: Mr Daryl Walton daryl@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.