

## **St Michael's Baulkham Hills 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 Wednesday 5 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 week 6 (Wed 4 March) and rehearsals will take place every Wednesday from 3:00-4:00pm in the Mercy Room.

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 Wednesday 5 February 7:45-8:45am in the Hall
- **Group lessons:** Start Wednesday 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](http://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](http://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: Ms Lucia Bichara [lucia@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:lucia@teachingservices.com.au) (timetabling, groups, band rehearsals)  
TSA Admin Staff: 9651 7333 (enrolments, instrument hire and service)  
TSA Website: [www.teachingservicesaustralia.com.au](http://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.***