

St Therese's Lakemba 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.

There are two components to the Band Program:

- **Group Lessons** – students work in small groups (average of 5 per group) where they learn individual technique and new skills/knowledge
- **Full Band Rehearsal** – students join together into a combined band (all students in the program) where they use these skills and techniques to play longer and larger songs as a full band

Band and Lessons will resume for 2020 on Tuesday February 11.

In 2020 all rehearsal and tuition will take place **during the school day** so students will **no longer be required to attend morning band rehearsal before school.**

Please send your child to school on Tuesday February 11 with their instrument, *Accent On Achievement* book and they will be called from class when required for their lesson/rehearsal. If your child is new to the program and you ordered an instrument or accessories during their enrolment these items will be distributed to students in their first lesson.

The first lesson will focus on showing new students how to set-up and care for their instruments and assessing existing students' progress across the Christmas holiday break. A final timetable of lesson groups will be developed in conjunction with the school early in the new term.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2020, band and tuition fees will be \$195 per term. 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 Tim Dunne tim_dunne@outlook.com (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.