

## Northmead High School Band Program – 2024

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 TSA has your current email address and check your junk/spam folder for communications.

### **BAND STRUCTURE**

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There are two components to the Band Program: sectional tutorials and a full band rehearsal. Both of these are held on Monday afternoons from 2:30pm-4:00pm and students are required to attend for the full duration of this session.

**Private (individual) tuition** is available on all instruments for those looking for extra help keeping up or extension opportunities. These lessons can take place during the day (students come out of class) or there are some (limited) spots available after rehearsal. Private tuition is an additional expense (see below) and places are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact band director, Steven Lavis for further information ([steve@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:steve@teachingservices.com.au)).

**Band will commence for 2024 on Monday 5 February.** Please ask your child to bring their instrument along with a black, A4 plastic sleeved display folder. Students should meet in Room 82 straight after school.

### **SUPERVISION AND DISMISSAL**

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Students will be supervised during band time by TSA staff and will be dismissed at 4:00pm.

**Emergency Contact** – 9651 7333 (select extension 1, Dural Music Centre, after 4:30pm)

### **IMPORTANT ITEMS**

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**Fees** – In 2024, band fees will be \$220 per term plus \$10 resource levy. Private tuition (optional) costs \$500 per term but students are charged a discounted band fee of \$110 per term (plus \$10 resource levy). TSA will email invoices/process direct debits at the beginning of each school term, and payment 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. Absences 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 families with Creative Kids Vouchers can apply them to term fees by entering voucher details via the TSA website here: <https://teachingservices.com.au/creative-kids/>.

**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**

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Band Director: Mr Steven Lavis [steve@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:steve@teachingservices.com.au) (timetabling, groups, band rehearsals)

TSA Administration: 9651 7333 ext 2 (enrolments, billing, instrument hire and service)  
[tsaoffice@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:tsaoffice@teachingservices.com.au)

***We wish your child all the best in the Band Program! Please let us know if we can help you in any way.***