

Westmead Public 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

There are two components to the Band Program: Small Group Lessons and a Full Band rehearsal. Both of these are held on **Thursday afternoons from 3pm-5pm** and students are required to attend for the full duration of this session. When not in lessons or rehearsal students will be supervised by TSA staff and should bring a book, homework or other quiet activity to amuse themselves.

Band and lessons will commence for 2024 on Thursday 8 February. Please send your child's instrument along with any band music/folder with them on that day. New students who have ordered instruments and accessories from TSA will be given theirs in their lesson that afternoon. Students will also require a black, A4 plastic sleeved display folder.

SUPERVISION AND DISMISSAL

Students will be collected by TSA staff at the end of the school day and taken directly to rehearsal/tuition. TSA will supervise students from 3pm-5:10pm. **Parents should collect their children at 5:10pm from Gate 10** (Moree Ave). Students who attend after school care will be taken to after school care and signed in at this time.

Parents are required to complete a 2-question **[Dismissal Form](#)** in order to attend afternoon band sessions.

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

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2024, band and tuition fees will be \$250 per term plus a \$10 resource levy per term. 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. In particular, absences from 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 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

Band Director: Mr Daryl Walton daryl@teachingservices.com.au (timetabling, groups, band rehearsals)
TSA Administration: 9651 7333 ext 2 (enrolments, billing, instrument hire and service)
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.