

Ironbark Ridge School Band/Keyboard/Guitar Program – 2025

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.

NEW BEGINNERS - BAND (those learning an instrument for the first time in 2025)

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 11 February. Students will be collected from their class.
- **What to bring:** Instrument if already purchased; 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**. Rehearsals will then take place on **Tuesdays from 3pm** in the band demountable. Parents should collect their child at 4pm from the band demountable.

The first lesson will focus on handing out and showing students how to set-up and care for their instruments.

CONCERT BAND STUDENTS (those who started learning their instrument in 2024)

- **Group lessons:** Start Tuesday 11 February. Students will be collected from their class.
- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Tuesday 11 February **before school** from 7:45-8:45am in the band demountable.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and band folder.

PERFORMANCE BAND STUDENTS (those who started learning their instrument before 2024)

- **Group lessons:** Start Tuesday 11 February. Students will be collected from their class.
- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Tuesday 11 February during **second lunch** in the band demountable.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and band folder.

GUITAR STUDENTS

Guitar students are not required to attend full band rehearsals. Guitar lessons commence Tuesday 11 February. Students will be collected from their class.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2025, band and group tuition fees will be \$230 per term plus \$10 resource levy fee. 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 lessons or 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 Matthew King matthew@teachingservices.com.au (timetabling, groups, band rehearsals)

TSA Administration: 9651 7333 ext 2 (enrolments, billing, instrument hire and service)
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We wish your child all the best in the Band Program! Please let us know if we can help you in any way.
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