

Russell Lea Public School Band 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.

BAND NEW BEGINNERS *(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 Wednesday 12 February, during school time between 2-3pm. 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 **Term 2**. Training Band rehearsals will then take place BEFORE SCHOOL on Wednesday at 8:00am.

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

CONTINUING BAND STUDENTS *(students in the band program in 2024)*

Rehearsals and lessons are held on **Wednesday 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 2025 on Wednesday 12 February. Please send your child's instrument along with any band music/folder with them on that day. Students will also require a black, A4 plastic sleeved display folder.

SUPERVISION AND DISMISSAL

Continuing band students should meet TSA staff at the end of the school day in the band room. TSA will supervise students from 3:00pm-5:00pm. **Parents should collect their children from outside the front office by 5:00pm.** Students who attend after school care will be taken to after-school care and signed in at this time.

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

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2025, band and tuition fees will be \$260 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 from lessons and 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 Alex Slater alex@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.
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