

St Michael's Baulkham Hills 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.

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.
- **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** and rehearsals will take place every Wednesday after school. Parents should collect children at 4:00pm from the carpark gate.

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

INTERMEDIATE BAND (those who were in the Beginner Band in 2024)

- **Group lessons:** Start Wednesday 12 February, during school time.
- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Wednesday 12 February 7:45-8:45am in the Hall.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and band folder.

PERFORMANCE BAND (those who were in the Intermediate Band in 2024)

- **Group lessons:** Start Wednesday 12 February, during school time.
- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Wednesday 12 February 7:45-8:45am in the Mercy Room.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and band folder.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2025, band and group tuition fees will be \$230 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. 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: Mrs Lucia Bichara lucia@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.