

St Kevin's Community Ensemble Program – 2025

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to another great year of making music, under a new model at St Michaels and St Kevin's. See below for a basic overview of the program in 2025. Correspondence this year will again mostly be via email: please ensure TSA has your current email address and check your junk/spam folder for communications.

BAND STRUCTURE

The program will include students from St Michaels Meadowbank, St Kevins and Marist College. These students will be participating in their respective schools' Amadeus tuition programs at school each week. This Community Ensemble program will provide these students with additional performance and extension opportunities within a full Concert Band setting.

The structure of the program will be based on the successful TSA Band Camp format. There will be two main parts to the program, full band rehearsal and small group sectionals. Both of these are held on **Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm-5:15pm (depending on the final timetable.)** Students will also have a short afternoon tea break and during this time they should bring a book, homework or other quiet activity to amuse themselves while they are supervised by TSA staff.

Band will commence for 2025 on Thursday 13 February. Students should bring their instrument, *Accent On Achievement* book and will also require a black, A4 plastic sleeved display folder.

SUPERVISION AND DISMISSAL

St Kevins students will be collected by TSA staff at the end of the school day. They will have a short afternoon tea break and will be taken to the Parish Hall ready for a 3:30pm start.

St Michaels students should be dropped off at the Parish Hall as close to 3:30pm as possible (if you are a few minutes late we will not start without you!)

TSA staff will supervise students for the full duration. **Parents should collect their children at 5:15pm from the parish hall.** 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 fees will be \$260 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.

Band Uniform – Any students who do not already have one will be provided with a band shirt to wear for performances. This shirt costs approximately \$40 and will be added to your Term 2 invoice if required. Students are required to wear a pair of long black pants, black socks and black school shoes for formal performances with this shirt.

Absence from Band – if your child will be absent from band or lessons please notify the band director. Absences from rehearsals 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: Ms Maddison O'Connor maddison@teachingservices.com.au (timetabling, groups, band rehearsals)

TSA Admin: 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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