

Castle Hill PS Band Program – 2026

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 2026)*

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 4 February. Please bring instrument if already purchased. Items ordered through TSA will be distributed in the first lesson. This first lesson will focus on showing new students how to set-up and care for their instruments.
- Lessons take place **after school** each Wednesday. Students will be allocated a 30min group during this time, and your band director will contact parents directly via email with allocated lesson times.

Full Band Rehearsal:

- Beginners will not be required at morning band rehearsal until **25 March**. Training Band rehearsals will take place on Wednesday mornings at **7:45am** in the school hall.

EXISTING BAND STUDENTS *(those who already learned an instrument in 2025)*

Group Lessons:

- Start Wednesday 4 February. Bring instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and band folder
- Lessons take place after school each Wednesday.
- Students will be allocated a 30min group lesson after school, and your band director will contact parents directly via email with allocated lesson times prior to school resuming.

Full Band Rehearsals:

- Starts Wednesday 4 February
- INTERMEDIATE BAND: 3:00-4:00pm
- SENIOR BAND 4:00-4:45pm

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2026 band and group tuition fees will be charged at the after-school program fee of \$270 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 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: Ms Maddison O'Connor maddison@teachingservices.com.au (timetabling, groups, band rehearsals) or heather@teachingservices.com.au

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.