

Murray Farm Public School Band Program – 2026

Welcome back, and a very special welcome to our new students and parents! 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: beginner group lessons and a full band rehearsal.

- **Group lessons:** Start *from* Monday 2 February. Lesson day and times have been sent via email.
- **What to bring:** Instrument if already purchased. **Items ordered through TSA must be collected from the school hall Thursday 29 January between 8:00am-9:30am.**
- **Full Band Rehearsal:** Training Band rehearsals will start on Tuesday 3 March. Rehearsals will then be on every Tuesday morning from 7:45am. Please arrive at 7:40 to set up.

CONCERT BAND

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Wednesday 4 February at 7:45am. Please arrive at 7:40 to set up.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and black display folder.
- **Private instrumental tuition:** All students in Concert and Performance bands must be enrolled in private instrumental tuition. If you require private tutor names, please contact TSA.

PERFORMANCE BAND

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Friday 6 February at 7:45am. Please arrive at 7:40 to set up.
- **What to bring:** Instrument, pencil, and black display folder.
- **Private instrumental tuition:** All students in Concert and Performance Bands must be enrolled in private instrumental tuition. If you require private tutor names, please contact TSA.

JAZZ BAND

Jazz Band will rehearse on Wednesdays after school from 3:00-4:00pm, starting 4 February. Members must maintain private tuition and attendance in Performance Band.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2026, band and group tuition fees will be \$270 per term for students in Training Band/beginner group tuition, plus \$10 resource levy. Band Only (Concert/Performance/Jazz) fees are \$120 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 TSA Coordinator or band director. 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

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