

Waitara Public School Band Program – 2020

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 this is your most up to date email address and notify TSA if there are changes to your contact details.

NEW BEGINNERS (those learning an instrument for the first time in 2020)

There are two components to the Band Program: private instrument tuition and a full band rehearsal.

- **Private tuition:** Week commencing 3 February. Parents should make contact with a private tutor and arrange lessons.
- **What to bring:** Instrument and *Accent on Achievement* book. All items ordered through TSA will be should be collected from 8:00am on Friday 31 January at the silver tables behind the Library.
- **Full Band Rehearsal:** **TRAINING BAND** starts Thursday 6 February in the school library from 7:40am. Please arrive at 7:30am to set up.

EXISTING BAND STUDENTS (those who were already enrolled in band in 2019)

- **Full band rehearsal:** **CONCERT BAND:** Starts Wednesday 5 February in the school library. Rehearsals are Wednesday afternoons and Friday afternoons 3:10-4:30pm
SENIOR WIND ENSEMBLE: Starts Monday 3 February in the school library. Rehearsals are every Monday afternoon 3:10-4:30pm and Friday morning from 7:40am (please arrive at 7:30am to set up)
- **What to bring:** Instrument, pencil and band folder.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2020, band fees will be \$110 (Training Band) or \$160 (Concert Band and Senior Wind Ensemble) per term, plus a \$10 TSA resource levy. TSA will direct debit or 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.

Band Camp – Please note the dates for Band Camp: 20-21 June 2020. More information will be coming closer to the date.

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. If notice is not given, term fees will be charged.

Absence from Band – if your child will be absent from band or event please notify the band coordinator. In particular, absences to rehearsals outside of school hours must be communicated clearly so we can confirm your child is safe and accounted for. Absences from private lessons must be communicated directly to your child's tutor.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Band coordinator: Heather Newland heather@teachingservices.com.au

TSA Admin Staff: 9651 7333 (enrolments, instrument hire and service)

TSA Website: www.teachingservicesaustralia.com.au (notes are also available here)

We wish your child all the best in the Band Program! Please let us know if we can help you in any way.