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Waitara Public School 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: private instrument tuition and a full band rehearsal.

Private tuition: Week commencing 2 February: your child's tutor will advise start date
Full Band Rehearsal: Every Thursday morning 7:40am- 8:45am, commencing 19 February.
What to bring: Instrument and *Accent on Achievement* book.

New beginner students/parents must collect instruments/accessories/books from the D-Block classrooms on Thursday 29 January between 3:00-5:00pm.

EXISTING BAND STUDENTS *(those who were already enrolled in band in 2025)*

Senior Wind Ensemble: Tuesday afternoon 3:15-4:15pm **AND** Friday morning 7:30am-8:45am, commencing Tuesday 3 February.

Concert Band: Tuesday morning 7:30am-8:45am commencing Tuesday 3 February

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2026, band fees will be \$135 (Training Band & Concert Band) or \$185 (Senior Wind Ensemble) per term, plus a \$10 TSA 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.

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. 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. 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

Program Coordinator: Ms Heather Newland heather@teachingservices.com.au

Band Directors: Training Band – Ms Lucia Bichara
Concert Band – Mr Ben Crowe
SWE – Mr Joshua McNulty

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.