

GWPS School Band Program – 2020

A very special welcome to our new students and parents! We are looking forward to a 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 you change it or would like additional parents/guardians added to our contact list.

TRAINING BAND *(those learning an instrument for the first time in 2020)*

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

- **Private tuition:** Parents are responsible for organising private tuition. Your child's tutor will let you know when lessons commence, and you'll be billed directly by the tutor.
- **What to bring:** Instrument and *Sound Innovations* book. Those items ordered through TSA will be distributed from 2:00pm on Friday 31 January in the school hall.
- **Full Band Rehearsal:** Training Band will commence on Wednesday 19 February. Rehearsal starts at 7:50am, so please arrive a few minutes early to set up.

CONCERT BAND 2

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Monday 3 February, 7:50am and Friday lunchtime
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Sound Innovations* book and band folder.

CONCERT BAND 1

- **Weekly full band rehearsal:** Starts Monday 3 February lunchtime, and then Friday 7 February at 7:50am. Please arrive a few minutes early to the morning rehearsal to set up.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Sound Innovations* book and band folder.

JAZZ BAND

CB1 students on targeted instruments who are interested in joining Jazz Band may attend a "Come and Try" session on Wednesday 12 February at lunchtime. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays at lunchtime. More specific instrumentation will be sent out to CB1 parents.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2020, band and tuition fees will be \$115 per term plus \$10 resource levy. Jazz Band fees are an additional \$75 per term. A tutor diary will be added to your first invoice and provided to your child at school. TSA will 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 – Band Camp is compulsory for students in CB2 and CB1: the dates are 21-22 March 2020.

Absence from Band – if your child will be absent from band or lessons please notify the TSA coordinator or the band director. In particular, absences to 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 all families can apply for their \$100 voucher by visiting www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids. Please then apply to use this voucher for you band fees by submitting the voucher information via the TSA website www.teachingservices.com.au

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

TSA Coordinator: Heather Newland heather@teachingservices.com.au or (02) 9651 7333

Band Director: Ms Isabella Harvey isabella.harvey11@det.nsw.edu.au

TSA Website: www.teachingservicesaustralia.com.au (GWPS 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.