

GWPS School Band Program – 2026

A very special welcome to our new students and parents! We are looking forward to a great year of making music.

TRAINING BAND *(those learning an instrument for the first time in 2026)*

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 confirm when their lessons commence, and you will be billed directly by the tutor.
- **What to bring:** Instrument if already purchased; **Please come to the covered area next to the school hall on Monday 2 February between 8-9:30am to collect book and any instruments/accessories ordered from TSA.**
- **Full Band Rehearsal:** Training Band will commence rehearsals on Wednesday 25 February. Rehearsal starts at 7:50am, so please arrive a few minutes early to set up.

CONCERT BAND *(those students who were in Training Band in 2025)*

- **Full band rehearsal:** Monday morning 7:45-8:45am **AND** Friday lunchtime, commencing from 6 February.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and band folder.

SENIOR CONCERT BAND *(those students who were in Concert Band in 2025)*

- **Weekly full band rehearsal:** Monday lunchtime **AND** Friday morning 7:45-8:45am, commencing from 6 February. Please arrive a few minutes early to the morning rehearsal to set up.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil and band folder.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2026, band and tuition fees will be \$140 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. 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 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

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

Band Directors: Concert Band & Senior Concert Band: Mr Damian Butler damian@teachingservices.com.au
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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.