

West Ryde Public School Band & String 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.

BAND PROGRAM

There are two components to the Band Program: small group lessons and a full band rehearsal. Both of these are held on ***Wednesday afternoons from 3pm-5pm*** and students are required to attend for the full duration of this session. When not in lessons or rehearsals students will be supervised by TSA staff and should bring a book, homework or other quiet activity to amuse themselves.

Band will commence for 2026 on Wednesday 11 February. Students will be supervised by TSA staff throughout this 2-hour session and will attend small group tutorials and full band rehearsals. They will also have a short afternoon tea break so please pack a light snack and please bring a book, homework or other quiet activity to amuse students during this supervised break. Students should meet their tutors at the ***wooden stage*** straight after school.

Parents can collect students from the Hall COLA at 5pm. Students who attend after school care will be collected by after school care staff at this time. *Please notify after school care that your child will be at band!*

Emergency Contact – 9651 7333 (select extension 1, Dural Music Centre, after 4:30pm)

SENIOR STRING ENSEMBLE

Rehearsals will run on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm-4pm. Students should meet their conductor at the wooden stage straight after school. Rehearsals commence Tuesday 10 February.

Parents should collect students from the Hall COLA at 4pm. Students who attend after school care will be collected by after-school care staff at 4pm.

BEGINNER STRING LESSONS

Group lessons will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00pm. Lessons times will be emailed directly by the Strings Coordinator. Lessons commence Tuesday 10 February, and lesson location will be advised.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2026, band and string tuition fees will be \$270 per term plus \$10 resource levy. Senior String Ensemble fees will be \$130 per term plus \$10 resource levy. 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.

Absence from Band – if your child will be absent from band or lessons please notify the band director. In particular, 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/>.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Band Program Director: Mr Matthew King matthew@teachingservices.com.au (timetabling, groups, rehearsals)

String Program Director: Ms Meredith Hastings meredith@teachingservices.com.au (timetabling, groups, rehearsals)

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Please let us know if we can help you in any way.