

Our Lady Help of Christians School Band Program – 2024

Dear Parents,

A very special welcome to our new students and parents! We are looking forward to a wonderful year of making music and developing your school band. 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.

NEW BEGINNERS - BAND (those learning an instrument for the first time in 2024)

There are two components to the Band Program: group lessons and a full band rehearsal both held on the same day.

- **Group lessons:** Start Tuesday 6 February. Students will be collected from their class.
- **What to bring:** Instrument if already purchased; items ordered through TSA will be distributed in the first lesson.
- **Full Band Rehearsal:** Beginners will not be required at band rehearsal until **Term 2**, when rehearsals will be held every Tuesday in the Hall at lunchtime.

The first lesson will focus on showing new students how to set-up and care for their instruments.

EXISTING BAND STUDENTS - BAND (those who already learned an instrument in 2023)

- **Group lessons:** Start Tuesday 6 February. Students will be collected from their class.
- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Tuesday 6 February at lunchtime in the Hall.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and band folder.

The first lesson will focus on finalising grouping and assessing how continuing students have progressed across the summer holiday break.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2024, band and group tuition fees will be \$220 per term plus \$15 facility hire fee and \$10 resource levy fee. 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 band director. In particular, absences from 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

Band Director: Ms Karen Williams karen@teachingservices.com.au (timetabling, groups, band rehearsals)

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.