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## **John Purchase Public School Band Program – 2026**

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: beginner group lessons and a full band rehearsal.

- **Group lessons:** Start from Tuesday 11 February – lesson day and times will be held after school on Tuesday afternoons, and lesson times will be sent via email.
- **What to bring:** Instrument and *Accent On Achievement* book 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**. Rehearsals will then be held every Tuesday morning in the hall from 7:30-8:30am.

### **INTERMEDIATE BAND** (*those students in Training Band in 2025*)

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Wednesday 4 February at 7:30am. Please arrive at 7:25 to set up.
- **What to bring:** Instrument & pencil, *Accent on Achievement* book and black display folder.
- **Private instrumental tuition:** All students in Intermediate and Concert Bands must be enrolled in private instrumental tuition. If you require private tutor names, please contact TSA.

### **CONCERT BAND** (*those students in Intermediate Band in 2025*)

- **Full band rehearsal:** Starts Monday 9 February at 7:30am. Please arrive at 7:25 to set up.
- **What to bring:** Instrument, pencil, and black display folder.
- **Private instrumental tuition:** All students in Concert and Performance bands must be enrolled in private instrumental tuition. If you require private tutor names, please contact TSA.

### **IMPORTANT ITEMS**

**Fees** – In 2026, band and group tuition fees will be \$270 per term plus \$10 resource levy. Band Only term fees are \$130 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 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**

TSA Coordinator: Miss Lexie Miesch [lexie@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:lexie@teachingservices.com.au) (timetabling, groups)

Band Directors: Training & Intermediate Bands: Anna Hibbins; Concert Band: Ben Crowe

***We wish your child all the best in the Band Program! Please let us know if we can help you in any way.***