

Newington PS Band Program – 2026

Dear Parents,

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 STRUCTURE

There are two components to the Band/String Program: group or private lessons and a full band/string rehearsal both held on the same day. **Please note, all band activities take place after school.** Your band director will email you with further details.

- **Group lessons:** Start Thursday 5 February. A timetable will be emailed to parents.
- **What to bring:** Instrument if already purchased; items ordered through TSA will be distributed in the first lesson.
- **Full Band/Strings Rehearsal:** After school on Thursday.

Lessons will commence for 2026 on Thursday 5 February. Please send your child's instrument along with any band music/folder with them on that day. New students who have ordered instruments and accessories from TSA will be given theirs in their lesson that afternoon. Students will also require a black, A4 plastic sleeved display folder.

SUPERVISION AND DISMISSAL

Band Students attending group lessons will be supervised until their pick up time as per the timetable. Please pack some afternoon tea as they may have time to eat while they are waiting for their lesson.

Violin Students need to be dropped off and picked up from their lesson as per the timetable. TSA can supervise your child if their lesson is before 5pm on a Thursday if parents would prefer not to take them home before their lesson.

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

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Fees – In 2026, band and group tuition fees will be \$270 per term for students in group tuition, plus \$10 resource levy. Private lessons are \$520 per term (10 week term) plus a Violin Ensemble fees of \$120 per term. 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 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/>.

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 Coordinator: Mr Ben Miesch ben@teachingservices.com.au (timetabling, groups, absences)

TSA Administration: 9651 7333 ext 2 (enrolments, billing, instrument hire and service)
tsaoffice@teachingservices.com.au

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