

# **Kruger State School**



## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**



***Information Booklet***

## **WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL'S INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

A very warm welcome to all our students and their families who are considering joining our instrumental music program at Kruger State School. Our program is conducted by David Dobbie who is our Instrumental Music Teacher from 2018.

Your commitment to participation in this program is highly valued in our school. Our performances aim to place our school at the very forefront of community involvement and promoting state education. Apart from regular commitment to instructional lessons once per week and regular band rehearsals, students will from time-to-time be required to perform for a variety of audiences to promote feelings of goodwill and enjoyment.

The student's commitment to this valuable program is a whole family effort with parents often called on to support the home practice sessions and transport performers to and from performance venues. We would like to thank parents for encouraging their child to participate in this learning extension program and trust you will enjoy watching your child grow musically over the years. We are always extremely proud when our students perform both at community events and instrumental music competitions.

Together we look forward to beginning this journey of learning with you and your child.

### ***OVERVIEW***

Education Queensland provides an Instrumental Music Program in our school. This program provides Instrumental Music Tuition during school hours in Brass, Woodwind and Percussion instruments. Ensemble experience is provided through participation in Concert Band rehearsals during lunch hour usually once per week. Attendance to rehearsals is compulsory and an integral part of the Instrumental Program. Tuition classes take place on a small group basis with 2-8 students of similar ability level learning together.

### ***OBJECTIVES***

- The aims of the Instrumental Music Program are:
- to provide opportunities for students to develop instrumental skills via weekly group tuition and regular personal practice
- to provide opportunities for students to experience playing music in large and small groups (e.g. concert band, duets etc.)
- to provide an enriching dimension to the school's music program.

## ***SELECTION***

Due to the limited resources available to the school, the number of children who can participate in the instrumental music program is limited. It is necessary therefore to operate a selection process for admission to the program. This also ensures instrument balance within the concert bands.

Students are selected on criteria of:

- musical aptitude
- physical appropriateness
- academic strength
- emotional and social development

Selection of new participants will occur in Term 4 each year. Students enter the program at Year 4. Children audition on a range of instruments to ensure bands and groups are balanced for sound. The Instrumental Music Teacher selects students for the instrument they are most suited to, to ensure they succeed on their instrument.

In choosing an instrument for a child, the following factors are considered:

- the student's preferences and enthusiasm
- the student's physical aptitudes
- the student's music test results and sense of discipline
- the school's needs in terms of instrument balance
- the availability of a school instrument for loan
- the student's personality traits

## ***TUITION***

A child who is selected for the program will receive one half hour lesson per week on their instrument. The lessons are conducted in small groups containing children of similar standard. The lesson is timetabled on a rotating basis during the school term to limit interruption to the child's learning of particular subjects in class. Children are provided with the Instrumental Lessons Timetable through their class teachers at the commencement of each term.

## ***REHEARSALS***

Parents and students are notified of rehearsal times at the beginning of the school year by the Instrumental Music Teacher.

Concert Bands rehearse in the music room during free play (usually one day per week). It is of utmost importance that all Instrumental Music students attend these rehearsals.

## ***STUDENT AND PARENT COMMITMENTS***

This is a skill based program. To achieve a satisfactory level a great deal of effort is required. The student needs to:

- practice regularly as directed by the instructor
- participate in the school band and performances as required
- attend lessons and rehearsals as required
- take care of the instrument
- commit to the program until the end of Year 6

To support the student's efforts, parents must be prepared to:

- arrange a regular time for practice
- ensure regular attendance at lessons and rehearsals
- oversee the care of the instruments
- provide and replace items as necessary e.g. reeds, valve oil, cleaning cloth.

## ***PRACTICE***

Students will be required to prepare for the next lesson and band rehearsal by practicing set work. 10-15 minutes for 5 days per week is recommended for beginners. As students advance this time should increase up to 20-30 minutes. Regular communication will take place via the Homework Sheet to be brought to each lesson and signed weekly by parents and the Instrumental Music Teacher.

## ***PROGRESS REPORTS***

Students and parents will receive a progress report twice per year, at the end of each semester with their *One School Reports*. Parents are invited to be involved by communicating with the Instrumental Music Teacher regarding the progress of their child.

## ***INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FEES***

The school supplies instruments for students in their first year of tuition. After one year parents are advised to supply their child with their own instrument (except for the more expensive instruments such as the bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, euphonium and tuba). The school has a Resource & Hire Scheme (see below).

- Resource & Hire Scheme – Hire of Music Lesson Handbook & photocopying of workbooks - \$20
- Instrument Hire – To cover cost of hire / repair of instrument - \$30

In total \$50 for every year of tuition (please note there may be a slight increase in future years with cost increases).

## ***REFUND POLICY***

Once you join the program and return Loan Agreement form you enter a contract to remain in the program for the entire year. You may apply for a partial refund only if your child is leaving the school during the school year.

## ***PAYMENT OPTIONS***

The school allows this contribution to be paid in instalments – see Office Staff for arrangements. Participants will be invoiced for the full amount during Term 1.

If your child is interested in applying for a position within the program, please read the attached information outlining the details of the program and return the slip below to the office by 23 February 2018.

-----✂----- *Please return to the office* -----✂-----

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in  
class: \_\_\_\_\_ would like to try out for the Instrumental Music Program for 2018.

Preferred Instruments/s:

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR TUITION

**Flute**



**Clarinet**



**Trumpet**



**Bass Clarinet**



**Alto Saxophone**



**Tenor Saxophone**



**Euphonium**



**Trombone**



**Percussion**

