Welcome......

Congratulations! Your child has expressed interest in joining or continuing in the Beechmont State School Instrumental Program! Studies show that learning music develops brain capacity, teamwork, coordination and much more. Performance builds confidence and presentation skills. Learning an instrument is fun! It’s a wonderful adventure that develops life-long skills and disciplines.

Recruitment

Year 3 students for stringed instruments and year 4 students for Woodwind Brass and Percussion are given a musical aptitude test to ascertain their ability in four areas - pitch, rhythm, chord recognition and memory retention. From these results students are selected to try out for instruments for which they would physically be suited. Once students have been matched to an appropriate instrument, parents are invited to attend a Parent Information Evening for Instrumental Music, where vital information will be given by the Instrumental Instructor and Music Co-ordinator regarding the Instrumental Program. Questions from parents will also be answered at this time. Basic expectations and costs will be outlined at this stage.

No student for Woodwind Brass or Percussion will be permitted to participate in the Instrumental Program up until year 5, unless he/she has had private music tuition and has reached a suitable standard. The decision to accommodate a student like this will be determined by the Instrumental Instructor, Music Specialist and Principal.

String Students are able to participate in the program in year 4 due to different sizes of string instruments available. Ie 4/4,3/4,1/2,1/4,18 size

Students arriving from other schools in Year 5, or stringed students from year 4 who wish to participate in the Instrumental Program, should see the Instrumental Instructor as soon as they arrive at the school. Students new to the school in Years 6 and 7 who have their own instruments and who wish to continue their instrumental lessons, should also arrange to meet the Instrumental Instructor.

It should emphasised that your child’s decision to partake in the Instrumental Program is a three year commitment.

Instruments

Students who have been successful in gaining entry to the Instrumental Program will be loaned their instrument for the period of the first school year. (Depends on Availability) (After this time students are expected to purchase their own.) These instruments belong to the Education Queensland, and must be kept in the condition in which they were issued. Specific instructions as to their care and use will be given by the Instrumental Instructor. Instruments will not be issued until an Instrumental Agreement has been signed by parent or guardian and a fee of $30.00 has been paid in full. All original copies of this agreement will be filed in the main office and copies given to the Instrumental Instructor.
Costs

Year 4 String and Year 5 beginner Woodwind Brass Percussion students

A instrumental levy of $30.00 and instrumental hire scheme of $120.00 is required to be enrolled in the instrumental program. (Drums Percussion does not require the fee of $120.00 but places are limited)

Continuing students in Years 6 and 7

A instrumental levy of $30.00 is payable to contribute towards the cost of band music. Students in Years 6 and 7 are expected to own their own instruments. Students learning euphonium or bass clarinet should see the Instrumental Music Instructor for options around purchase or continued loan of these instruments.

Costs for books and accessories vary from instrument to instrument. The Instrumental Instructor will distribute this information to all students at the end of each year. Please note that prices are subject to change.

Repairs (wear and tear)

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR INSTRUMENTS YOURSELF IF UNSURE GO STRAIGHT TO THE INSTRUMENTAL INSTRUCTOR

Repairs to school instruments will be paid for by the school unless wilful damage or neglect is involved whereby costs will be borne by the child’s parents. The loss or damage of school instruments should be reported to John Clyde or Cameron Hart as soon as possible. Parents of Year 4, 5 students will be expected to sign a Loan Agreement Form which states that any damage to an instrument (which is not just wear and tear) must be paid for by the parents.

Return of instruments

Instruments from Year 4,5 students will be collected at the end of the year during week 9 to the instrumental instructor. Once the instrument is returned the instruments will be checked by the instrumental instructor and given a play test, sterilised and service depending on inspection.

Tutor Books

Each student is expected to purchase a tutor book as prescribed by the Instrumental Instructor.


Details will be given at Parent Information Meetings and in written correspondence with parents. Approximate cost will be $20.00@. PLEASE NOTE: Prices are subject to change.
Strings — A Tune A Day  Bk 1  Violin

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Tuition

Each student will be given one group lesson for half an hour per week on a rotational basis during school time. Group size can vary from 3 to 8 depending on instruments and ability of players.

Students will be issued with a copy of the timetable for the term and are expected to be on time for each lesson. Class teachers will also be given a timetable.

If a student ever has another commitment during a scheduled lesson, courtesy dictates that the Instrumental Instructor be notified.

Pencils and Erasers

It is essential that all students bring with them to lesson a pencil and eraser. There will be times where markings will be required on band music as well as homework from lesson.

Home Practice

Home practice is essential. Children are to record practice times on the practice journal sheet distributed by the Instrumental Instructor at the beginning of the year. The sheets are to be signed by parents each week and will be monitored by the Instrumental Instructor each lesson. These sheets should be stapled on the front inside cover of their Standard of Excellence book. Failure to do sufficient practice will result in the first instance, the Instrumental Music Teacher contacting the parents. In the second instance, students will receive an official warning from Administration and a consequence if necessary. On the third occasion, students will receive a Time Out room.

Recommended Home Practice

The following times are recommended for steady progress:

- Beginners – 10 to 15 minutes daily.
- Intermediate – 30 minutes daily.
- Advanced – 45 minutes +

Method of practising

(As in aerobic exercising)

- Warm up — Sonority exercises.
  - Scales
  = Breathing
- Work Out — Study pieces with attention to difficult areas.
- Cool Down — Own choice of music to play for own enjoyment.
Where and How to Practise

- Away from distractions.
- Often in front of a mirror to check:
  - posture
  - hand positions
  - finger positions
  - embouchure formation.
- Sit and stand.
- Make sure there is plenty of light in the room. Don’t have a shadow over the music.

Requirements to Practise

- Music.
- Music stand.
- Pencil to write in counting.
- Pegs to prevent music from blowing off stand.
- Home practice book to know what to practice.
- Metronome (if possible) for timing.

School Bands

The school has two bands—one string ensemble
1. Junior (for beginner players); and
2. Senior (for Years 6, 7 and advanced players)
3. String Ensemble year 4

Junior Band

Junior band rehearsals will take place in 2nd play every Thursday.

Senior Band

The Senior Band will rehearse from 7.45am-8.45am. Rehearsals will start in Week 3 of each school year.

To gain the optimum out of rehearsal times, students are required to present themselves on time to the music room and be ready to perform.
String Ensemble

The String ensemble will rehearse Thursday afternoon at the upper music room.

Beechmont State School Music Uniforms

- Black trousers (not jeans)
- Canungra School Shirt
- Plain black shoes and black socks.

When students are performing in or out of the school, they are representing our school in a very positive way and are expected to dress and conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. It is expected that all band members wear the band uniform. Performances on parade will only require school uniform unless otherwise stated by the Instrumental Instructor or Music Specialist.

Concerts and Performances

During the course of the school year, band and string members will be required to play at a variety of functions. It is expected that members make themselves available to perform on these occasions. Notice in writing of these functions will be given out to students in ample time for appropriate arrangements to be made.

If parents are required to provide transport to and from these functions it is requested that they do so and that punctuality be observed.

Report Cards

Students will receive two report cards per year. These will be distributed at the end of each semester.
Student Requirements – Grade 5

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