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PREP TO YEAR 6. AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2026

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

We are seeking new candidates to enter our school's Instrumental Music Program for 2026. Students in Year 2 (2025) are eligible to enter the Strings Program in Yr 3 (2026), while children in Year 3 (2025) qualify for the Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Program in Year 4 (2026). Further practical testing will follow with our Instrumental teachers, to determine your child's possible suitability for particular instruments.

The Program offers group tuition through an ensemble-based program. The aim of the selection process is to create a **balanced** Ensemble. For this **reason, if successful, your child may be offered an instrument which is not necessarily their first preference.** Your child's physical capabilities will be taken into account. Some students are better suited to certain instruments.

Tuition is given by a qualified Instrumental Music Instructor in a group lesson in class time of ½ hr per week. Tuition is free of charge. This is a wonderful opportunity through Qld Department of Education, as private lessons outside of school can cost upwards of \$50 per half hour.

Although lessons are free of charge, there will be other costs involved e.g Instrumental Music Program fees, tuition books, accessories, music camps, performance uniform etc.

The smaller instruments are loaned for **one year**. After this time you will need to **purchase an instrument**. Some of the larger, more expensive instruments will be loaned for the duration of your child's time in the Program.

Some considerations for selection into the Program include:

- Musical aptitude test results
- Physical suitability for a particular instrument

Learning an instrument is a wonderful opportunity that can lead to a lifetime of enjoyment. Learning an instrument has many benefits for your child, including:

- Improving intelligence by creation of new neural pathways and improving neuro-plasticity
- Improving behaviour
- Becoming more co-operative and improving social skills
- Improving your child's reasoning ability
- Providing constructive leisure activities
- Giving a sense of belonging (Ensemble)
- Working as part of a team
- Building self-discipline, commitment and self-esteem
- Possibly a career in music

Next year, we will also be introducing an “Introductory Band Program” for students currently in Year 2, entering Year 3 (2026). These students will develop foundation music skills by playing percussion and other instruments in a 30-minute lesson each week with the music teacher. These students will select a band instrument later in the year for automatic inclusion in the Band Program in 2027.

If you would like to express interest in this opportunity for your child to learn an instrument in 2026, please return the form below to the School Office **no later than Friday October 10, 2025. (Term 4, Week 1)**

Offers will be made mid Term 4. Please note there are limited numbers of each instrument for beginners in 2026 to enable us to form balanced ensembles/bands.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Beck
Music Specialist

Debbie Mill
Deputy Principal

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2026

Please tick/circle the option below which applies:

My child..... in class would like to express interest in joining the IMP in 2026.

My child would like to learn (please circle):

- STRINGS (**Yr 3 2026**)
- WOODWIND, BRASS, PERCUSSION (**Year 4 2026**)
- INTRODUCTORY BAND PROGRAM (**Year 3 2026**)

If physically suitable, our preference would be to learn: (please circle instruments below)

STRINGS -YR 3 2026	WOODWIND/BRASS/PERCUSSION -YR4 2026
Violin Viola Cello Double Bass	Flute Clarinet Alto/Tenor Saxophone Trumpet Trombone Euphonium/Baritone/Tuba Percussion (must include tuned percussion such as glockenspiel/xylophone, not just drums)

Signed:..... (Parent/Guardian)