



9 February 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

2017 Elective Band Program

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone back to the Engadine Public School Band Program for 2017. After a well-deserved break, it's time to get back into gear and start making beautiful music once again. To our new recruits, I offer my warmest congratulations on joining our group where wonderful and exciting musical experiences await you.

The Program in 2017

Our Band Director, Mr. Humphries and I will coordinate the band program which will consist of a Senior Band, as well as a Junior or Beginners Ensemble. The program will begin with introductory rehearsals in Week 4 of this Term and will continue weekly from Week 6 due to the Swimming Carnival. Term 1 fees will be used for 6 weeks of tutorials in Term 1.

Instruments

Instruments will be distributed to most students this week with the model and serial numbers recorded. All instruments have recently undergone maintenance and repair. If a problem arises with the instrument, please bring it back to school, as soon as possible. Also, if you, or your child, have any questions or concerns about the instrument, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Mr Humphries at school.

Money and Folders

Unfortunately, an extra-curricular program of this nature incurs a small cost to the students. Whilst every effort is made to keep these costs to a minimum, the program cannot be run without these funds. In order to keep the ensembles running smoothly, please ensure these fees are paid by the due dates. These fees are made up of an Instrument Hire (and repair) fee; and a Tuition and Music fee. All band fees are made payable to Engadine Public School.

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| 🎵 Term 1 Fees of \$95 are due by Friday, 10 March | Week 8, Term 1. |
| 🎵 Term 2 Fees of \$150 are due by Friday, 5 May | Week 2, Term 2. |
| 🎵 Term 3 Fees of \$150 are due by Friday, 28 July | Week 2, Term 3. |
| 🎵 Term 4 Fees of \$125 are due by Friday, 20 October | Week 2, Term 4. |

New students will also need to bring a plastic sleeved folder in which to keep their music, as no music will be given to students without a folder.

Please contact the school or Mrs Scarra before the due date, if there are any problems or you have any queries.

Tutorial and Band Times 2017

Band rehearsals and tutorials will take place between 9:15am and 11:15am each Thursday. In order to ensure students aren't disadvantaged by repeatedly missing lessons, tutorials will be held on a rotating roster. The students will be notified of their time to attend band rehearsals on Thursday mornings. Missed practices will be made up one day the following week.

Performances

Following the success of the ensemble in 2016, the EPS Band has already been booked for a number of performances in 2017. These may include the Band Blow In Day, numerous assemblies and in-school performances, as well as local community performances such as the Engadine Lions Club Festival.

Commitment

In order to provide and maintain the best possible band program for the students to enjoy and benefit from, it is essential that we can guarantee their commitment to the program for a determined amount of time. This ensures that no student is disadvantaged if others withdraw their support prematurely. We would, therefore, ask that both you, as a parent and your participating son/daughter, sign the consent and commitment form attached below. Please return the attached form no later than **Friday 3 March 2017**.

Yours sincerely

Angela Scarra and Matt Humphries
Band Coordinator and Director

Hendrika Green
Principal

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I, _____ of class _____ am committed to the Engadine Public School Band Program and agree to remain in the Program for a minimum of 1 semester (2 Terms).

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I, _____ give permission for my son/daughter, _____, of class _____, to participate in the Engadine Public School Band Program and agree to their commitment in the Program for a minimum of 1 semester (2 Terms).

Please return the attached form no later than **Friday, 3 March 2017**.

Signed: _____

Date: _____