

## SPRINGWOOD PS CONCERT BAND

*Enrolment Form - 2023*

School band programs provide an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 6 to experience the world of making music as an ensemble. Our program will be an exciting chance for children to participate in an enjoyable and rewarding musical experience.

Being part of a band can provide children with skills that will last a lifetime. In addition to the obvious musical benefits, children playing an instrument in a band benefit socially, physically, and often academically. Children learn valuable team skills, and above all, have fun! Research shows further benefits include:

- Improvement of concentration and memory through learning music.
- Increased opportunities for creativity and self-expression.
- Builds resilience (teamwork, empathy and grit) through group music-making.
- Children can meet new friends in different year levels.
- Children learn self-discipline, organisation and how to cooperate with others.
- Working towards a common goal as a team, improving self-esteem and confidence.

Through practice, tuition, rehearsals and performances, band members build a more robust sense of self-belief and camaraderie with their peers, the positive effect of which flows on throughout the school.

### **Program Structure:**

All students involved in the band program will undertake one instrumental lesson (either privately or through on-site tutorials) and one whole band rehearsal on a weekly basis (8-9 weeks per term).

Please note: no previous musical experience is required to be part of the program.

### **Tutorials:**

Tutorials (30-minute duration) will rotate every term to minimise disruption to the classroom curriculum. The amount of time taken out of class – a 30-minute tutoring session once per week for 9 weeks – is the equivalent of one day out of school for a sporting event.

### **Rehearsals:**

Whole band rehearsals are where children will learn to play as part of a larger ensemble. We rehearse Thursday afternoons from 3.30 – 4.20pm in the school's hall.



### Price Structure 2023:

- Band Fees (all students): \$100 per term (excl. GST)

In addition, families have the following option for their child's instrumental lesson:

- Individual Lesson: \$350 per term (excl. GST)
- Group of 2-3 lesson: \$200 per term (excl. GST)

For example: a student who wishes to have a small group tutorial at school will pay \$200 (lesson fee) + \$100 (band fee) = \$300 per term (excl. GST)

We endeavour to keep these costs to a minimum by having our team of tutors come to the school and teach multiple students on the one day. You will find that these tutoring costs are far cheaper than private lessons and/or local music schools in the area (which can be upwards of \$400).

Please note that this is an externally managed program and that you will be invoiced directly by 'The Music Guy' each term. There are no upfront payments to enrol in the program and you are not required to pay through the school's website.

### Instrument Hire:

Instruments are available to hire through the school, free of charge. Alternatively, you may wish to purchase an instrument or select to learn an instrument that is already owned.

### Creative Kids Voucher:

The Band program is externally managed and as such, parents and carers will be able to utilise the NSW Creative Kids vouchers to reduce their fees even further. For more information, please visit the Creative Kids website:  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

Young people love playing music together and will be happier and healthier for doing so. A school that is alive with the sound of music is a happy and productive school in which students are challenged to realise and achieve their full potential.

**Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/spsband23](http://www.tinyurl.com/spsband23) to complete the online enrolment form.**

*Due by: Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email: [peter.earl2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:peter.earl2@det.nsw.edu.au)

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