

YEAR 5 BAND PROGRAM 2023

The Hillcrest Band Program offers an opportunity for interested and selected Year 5 students to learn a band instrument in an exciting and educational environment.

The instruments on offer are as follows:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Baritone Horn/Euphonium
- Trombone
- Percussion (preference given to piano students)
- Bass Guitar



The Band Program runs for one year (Year 5) with the only cost to parents approximately \$25 which purchases the method book (hard copy and interactive) that students will use. The program offers the foundations of band ensemble playing, which inevitably leads to individual tuition, engagement and participation in the various College bands and ensembles.

Students in Year 5 (that are not already in the Strings program) are eligible to be considered for enrolment into the 'Band' program and will be selected considering the suitability of the student and factors influencing this, including musical and physical aptitude for the instrument, ability to maintain regular, self-directed practice, and commitment to an ensemble.

Music is a means of self-expression and learning a band instrument develops coordination and fine motor skills. Through studying instruments children learn the importance of focus, dedication, and practice. It helps them to set goals and pursue excellence.

The aim of the program is to introduce students to a band instrument, and the development of basic instrumental playing techniques. This will enable them to participate with other students in the Year 5 Concert Band, which will rehearse before school once a week as part of the co-curricular program.

Students receive a weekly lesson on their respective instrument which is scheduled as part of their weekly College timetable. The students work through a sequential student method book and supplementary repertoire is also used to assist in the development of technique and music literacy.

COMMITMENT

Students wishing to join the Band Program are required to study their selected band instrument for the entire year. It is also expected that they participate in the Year 5 Concert Band and attend weekly rehearsals before school. There is also an expectation that regular, supervised practice occurs each week and a practice schedule and record sheet will be provided for parents and students to follow and complete.

Performing is an important aspect of learning a musical instrument. It assists in the development of confidence and musicianship, as well as the sense of teamwork involved in being a member of an ensemble. Throughout the year students will be given opportunities to perform at concerts and eisteddfods, as well as college and community events. These performances form a compulsory part of the program, and we ask parents and students to fulfil these commitments.

The College will provide an instrument to students free of charge for the full year of the Year 5 Band Program. When students enter Year 6, they will require their own instrument. Details about purchasing of instruments and hire options will be available closer to that time.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students will be responsible for the care of their instruments, and we request that guidelines for the care of their instrument be re-enforced at home. Instruments are issued to students in excellent condition with the relevant accessories supplied (e.g., cleaning cloth, neck strap). Accidents can happen and realistically with normal use we can expect to have some repairs over time. Should the instrument be damaged to the extent that it requires replacement, however, the replacement cost will be charged to the family.

It is also a requirement that students bring their instrument and relevant books to their lesson every week. Students are expected to practice their instrument at home during the week to consolidate what is taught in lessons. As a guide, students in the Band Program should practice approximately 15 minutes each day (minimum) five days a week.

ENROLMENT

Students and parents interested in joining the program are required to complete the enrolment form found

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Interested students will be required to attend an instrument trial on the various instruments to assess their suitability and their natural aptitude for pitch and rhythm. Instrument preference is noted, however not guaranteed. There are limited places available, and students will be notified if they have been offered a place in the program.

Instruments and tutor books are issued during the first few weeks of the school year.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information regarding the program is available by contacting performingarts@hillcrest.qld.edu.au.