

# WELCOME TO THE ST. JOHNS 2017 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

## INTRODUCTION

The St. Johns Instrumental Music Program is in place to:

- Provide tuition by qualified tutors at a reasonable price.
- Provide tuition for a variety of instruments.

## TERMS OF ENROLMENT

Students must agree to:

- Abide by the Instrumental Music Code of Behaviour.
- Attend all lessons punctually as required.
- Practice and regularly: logging all practice.
- Keep the instrument in good repair and do the regular maintenance.
- Attend rehearsals and performances punctually

### INSTRUMENTAL CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Be prepared for all rehearsals and lessons.
- Be courteous and respectful to everyone.
- Follow instructions.

Parents must agree to:

- HIRE OR PURCHASE INSTRUMENT/S: A fee of \$50/per term is charged through St. Johns for the hire of instruments. When an instrument is not available from the school, the parent must supply a suitable instrument. Options are provided in this handbook.
- Pay tuition fees for each term, as invoiced by the instrumental music teacher.
- Encourage involvement in performances to enhance musical experience and development.
- Assist in the transport of the instrument to and from school.
- Help maintain and sign the practice record (where applicable).
- Support your student to ensure they attend all lessons, rehearsals and performances.

## PROGRAM COSTS

### LESSON OPTIONS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Band	Only			\$50.00 p. term	
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This option is available for those with previous musical experience.						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Band	+	Group		\$16.00 p. wk	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Band	+	Private		\$32.00 p. wk	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Band	+	Group	+	Private	\$42.00 p. wk
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Method Book: Tradition of Excellence is the book used in private and group lessons. Approx. \$25.00.

Music Stand: Approx. \$20.00

### INSTRUMENT HIRE / MISC.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Instrument Hire Fee (Payable to St. Johns)	\$50.00 per term
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Instrumental Levy (Payable to St. Johns)	\$15 per term
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## AQUIRING INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES

### ALLOCATION OF HIRED SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS

St Johns has a variety of woodwind, brass, percussion instruments for hire through the school hire scheme which the children may borrow for a one year period only [in their first year of tuition], with the view to eventually purchasing their own instrument.

- Students must apply to hire these instruments on a 'first in, first served' basis.
- Hire arrangements are arranged with the Instrumental Music Teacher.
- Only students in their first year of tuition are eligible, unless there is a surplus of instruments

### OTHER MEANS OF OBTAINING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

- Purchase a new instrument from one of the music stores that give the best value for money.

Anthony Breed's College of Music	1/117 Toolooa St, Gladstone QLD	(07) 4972 1229
Green Brother's**	72 William St, Rockhampton QLD	(07) 4927 3088
Ellaways**	337 Gympie Rd, Kedron QLD	(07) 3359 826
Woods, Wind and Brass**	10 George St, Deception Bay QLD	1300 378 452
Brass Music Specialists	90 Appel St, Graceville QLD 4075	(07) 3278 1311

- Hire or hire to purchase plan. Stores on previous page marked \*\* have hire plans in place.

- Purchase secondhand. Placing a 'want to buy' add in The Observer or local Facebook groups can be successful. The instrumental teacher will be happy to advise you and to help check the instrument. You can also check Cash Converters or similar, but it is buyer beware.
- Relatives/ Friends. Some of your family members, friends, work mates, colleagues and neighbours have instruments that they may lend you for a time.
- Internet/Google. Internet browsing for Australian shops can be successful. It is still recommended you research for a good brand and buyer beware when online searching.

## ACCESSORIES

Every student will need a

- Method book shown on previous page
- Pencil and eraser
- Music stand
- Pegs (To hold music on stand)
- Case/bag to hold all items above

Flute

- Thin cotton cloth to wipe out the inside of the flute. An old handkerchief is ideal for this
- Cleaning Rod
- Soft polishing cloth for keys
- Mouthpiece Patch (for the top of mouthpiece)

Clarinet and Saxophone

- Reed Holder
- Cork Grease
- Pull Through (Cleaning Gear)
- Soft polishing cloth for keys and exterior
- Two No. 2 reeds for your instrument
- Mouthpiece Patch (for the top of mouthpiece)

Neck strap (optional for clarinet)

Trumpet and Euphonium

- Valve Oil
- Tuning Slide Grease
- Mouthpiece Brush
- Flexible Cleaner - Snake Brush

Trombone

- Soft Cotton Cloths
- Trombone Slide Cream
- Tuning Slide Grease
- Water Spray Bottle (Small)
- Mouthpiece Brush
- Flexible Cleaner - Snake Brush

Percussion

- Pair of 5A Sticks
- Rebound Pad (Practice Pad)
- Chromatic Glockenspiel (min. 32 bars)
- Glockenspiel mallets
- Stick Bag

## **DAY TO DAY**

### **LESSONS**

Students are required to attend the lessons that they have been signed up for. These lessons will commence once a timetable has been planned among instrumental and class room teachers to ensure classes are not missed regularly.

### **ABSENCES**

Parents are responsible for contacting the instrumental music teacher at least 24 hours in advance if a student is to be absent for a schedule lesson.

In the case of an unforeseen absence , parents are required to contact the instrumental music teachers as early as possible if a student is absent on the day of a scheduled instrumental music lesson, in the same manner they are expected to call the School.

Teachers are not obliged to make-up lessons that are missed due to an unexplained absence of lack of notice of absence. If a student is absent from a scheduled lesson, either unexplained or lack of notice, a letter will be emailed to the parents to inform them of the absence and outline the action to follow.

### **ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING**

Students are regularly assessed through informed observations in lessons throughout the year.

### **PRACTICE**

The gradual nature of skill development is a concept that some young students might not fully understand. Encouragement from parents is pivotal in improving the student's proficiency in musicianship. With practice over time all facets of playing gradually improve.

### **TERMINATION/SUSPENSION OF LESSONS**

Termination or suspension of lessons, decided by both the school and the instrumental music teacher may happen if the following occurs:

- The student is not making reasonable progress due to not practicing/attending lessons.
- The student is repetitively absent from lessons, rehearsals, or performances without reason.
- Tuition for the term has not been paid by the due date.
- Parents may terminate lessons in writing with at least 2 weeks notice.

**All terms and conditions stated in this information pack must be agreed to in order to commence tuition. Any questions or queries, contact the Instrumental Music Teacher**