

Gabbinbar State School



Instrumental Music Program Behaviour and Educational Requirements

Information Booklet 2016

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Strings*

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Gabbinbar State School participates in Education Queensland's Instrumental Music Program. Students are accepted into the program once they reach Year 4. However, in the strings program, students from Year 3 may be admitted. All lessons are taught by visiting music specialists once a week during normal school hours. Your child is encouraged to continue this tuition through to Year 12. Once the Instrumental Music Teacher believes that the child is ready, the child must participate in one of the school ensembles, Concert Band or String Ensemble.

Students joining the Instrumental Music Program this year are not permitted to receive tuition on two instruments through the school unless there is a place available after all other eligible students have been given an opportunity to participate and the parents and classroom teachers agree that normal schooling won't be adversely affected. However, students who undertake regular private tuition on a second instrument are encouraged to be members of the school's ensembles or band.

Lessons for students are timetabled during school time on a rotating basis. These thirty to thirty five minute lessons are conducted in small groups assigned by musical standard. The children progress according to their ability, their dedication and their support from home.

School Report Cards include instrumental music achievement and participation results each Semester. Parents are encouraged to observe any Instrumental activity and are welcome to meet with the Instrumental staff at prearranged times to discuss their child's progress. (Instrumental lessons and group rehearsals are **not** suitable times to meet with Instrumental Staff.)

Musical instruments being taught at present in the school are: -

<i>Brass</i> -	Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba.
<i>Percussion</i> -	Tuned: Glockenspiel, Xylophone, etc. Untuned: Triangle, Maracas, Tambourine, Drum Kit, Snare Drum etc.
<i>Woodwind</i> -	Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto/Tenor/Baritone Saxophone.
<i>Other</i> -	Bass Guitar
<i>Strings</i> -	Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

The Concert Band plays music of many styles and contains woodwind, brass and percussion instruments and bass guitar. Rehearsals take place before school on Thursday mornings. The band performs at various functions throughout the year.

The String Ensemble includes stringed instruments and performs at various functions. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday mornings before school.

Period of Loan

Students are initially allocated an instrument for a school/calendar year. Unless it is a very large or very expensive instrument, students are encouraged to acquire their own instruments at the end of the loan period. It is of great benefit to your child, future students and the school's ensembles if you provide your child with his/her own instrument.

Music Levies

A music levy is charged to contribute towards musical costs, which include music purchasing, competition fees or instrument repairs and upkeep. All students are required to pay a \$40 levy for the school year, while students who use a school loan instrument, pay a levy for the school year as per below.

Hire Instrument Strings- \$50.00 1st Year, \$75.00 2nd and subsequent years.

Hire Instrument Band- \$75.00 1st Year, \$150.00 2nd and subsequent years.

If an instrument is available an extension of the loan agreement may be granted for an extra year.

All levies are payable to the School Office by the designated due date and must be paid on time to confirm your child's enrolment in the program.

Percussion students access the use of school instruments in rehearsals and during lessons. On occasion, the school Percussion equipment will be loaned as designated by the Instrumental Music Teacher. Additional Loan Agreement Forms are required to be completed. Percussion students pay a \$40 levy to access this very expensive equipment.

Loan Agreement - Education Queensland's External Request for Equipment EQ 11 document

<http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/eppr/equipment/esmpr002/eq11form.doc>

- ❖ Instruments are issued on loan in accordance with the following conditions:
- ❖ The equipment should be used only by the student to whom it is lent and by no other person.
- ❖ The student and their parent/guardian has read and understood the school's behaviour and educational requirements (attached).
- ❖ Every care and attention should be given to the equipment during the period of loan and the student fully complies with the school's behaviour and educational requirements when the student is using the equipment.
- ❖ The equipment is returnable upon demand from the school at any time for inspection, repair, adjustment or for any other cause
- ❖ Loss or damage of any equipment on loan must be immediately reported to the school.
- ❖ If, in the opinion of the schoolteacher or staff member, the student is not meeting the school's behaviour and educational requirements with the equipment, this equipment loan may be terminated.
- ❖ Equipment must be returned by the student to the school by the date specified in this loan agreement or, if this agreement is terminated earlier than the date specified as the date of equipment return, then the date of the termination of this loan agreement.
- ❖ Parents/guardians are required to
- ❖ Supervise the student's use of the equipment to ensure the terms of the loan agreement are complied with
- ❖ Agree to be personally responsible for the failure of the student to comply with the terms
- ❖ Ensure the student -
 - Has been provided with a copy of the school's Instrumental Music Information Booklet.
 - Reads and understands both the terms of the loan and this Information Booklet.
 - Acknowledges his/her responsibility to use the equipment in accordance with the above terms.

Entry into the Program

Any student from Year 3 to Year 6 may apply to begin tuition on an instrument by completing an 'Expression of Interest' form which is usually distributed during Term 4, but may be requested at any time. If the child has access to an instrument, tuition may begin immediately, subject to the conditions of the Enrolment Form and the Instrumental Music program requirements plus recruitment needs.

All students are selected according to various criteria:

- Behavioural standards
- Demonstrated enthusiasm for learning
- Musical aptitude and readiness
- Classroom music knowledge/skills
- Physical characteristics pertinent to a particular instrument
- Potential to commit to daily practice and regular attendance at lessons, rehearsals and performances.

Practicing at Home

Supervised daily practice is essential if students are to progress quickly. The school believes that a minimum of 30 minutes practice, five times per week, is compulsory. The practice time should become part of the daily routine. Parents will find fewer problems getting their children to practise if a certain time of day is set aside. Feel free to contact the Instrumental Music Staff if challenges in this area are encountered.

Performance Uniform

When students represent the school, at various events they wear a very smart uniform provided by the P&C. It consists of black trousers, white shirt and a very striking vest in black and orange. Children are asked to provide their own black shoes and socks to wear with this uniform.

Enrolment Conditions:

Parent Commitment

- Provide the student with a suitable instrument.
- Encourage, assist and support your child's musical studies.
- Find a quiet place for your child to practice.
- Help maintain and sign your child's practice record.
- Give the student a safe place to keep his/her instrument.
- Keep instrument in good repair with reeds/rosin/grease etc.
- Teach your child to be responsible and committed to bringing all equipment and being punctual for all rehearsals and lessons.
- Provide opportunities for your child to play for others whenever possible.
- Encourage the students to play for others whenever possible.
- Ensure that your child completes a minimum of 12 months tuition. The expectation is that your child will continue in the program whilst at the school.

- Provide your child with required tutor books, strings, reeds etc. At the completion of the loan period, parents are required to purchase an instrument for their child. All requests for consideration towards Loan period extension must be submitted in writing to the Principal or Deputy Principal prior to the start of Term Four each year.
- **Parents will be invoiced and agree to pay cost of all loss or damage incurred, unless deemed by the school as fair wear and tear.**

Student Commitment

- Practice regularly 20-30 minutes every day.
- Become a member of the instrumental music ensembles as designated by the instructor when the required standard is attained.
- Take part in all performances.
- Attend lessons, rehearsals and other classes regularly as required – prepared with instruments and the correct equipment
- Complete a minimum of 12 months of tuition with the expectation that you will continue in the program whilst at this school.
- Behave appropriately in music lessons and rehearsals.
- Catch up on any work missed in class while at lessons.

Termination of Lessons

There are two methods:

1. You may remove your child at your discretion naturally, by forwarding a note to this effect to our Instrumental Music teacher through the Principal. Please consider the impact this may have on upcoming performances and other students. Timing this so that it occurs immediately following performances is recommended.
2. After being issued with a warning, the Principal or Deputy Principal, in conjunction with the Instrumental Music staff, may exclude a child from tuition if he/she does not –
 - Demonstrate a consistent level of commitment and responsibility,
 - Progress through lack of practice, attendance or aptitude,
 - Regularly attend Band or Ensemble rehearsals and performances.

Attendance: Students must attend all lessons and rehearsals. Punctuality is vital as lateness is distracting and inconsiderate to others.

Levies: Please be aware that the tuition itself is free of charge however all students are asked to pay a basic music levy to cover sheet music costs etc that must be paid to confirm your child's enrolment.

Strings Levy (Loan Instruments) \$50.00 1st Year, \$75.00 2nd and subsequent years.
 Band Levy (Loan Instruments) \$75.00 1st Year, \$150.00 2nd and subsequent years.
 Levy (Percussion students) \$40

Music Supporters Group

This is a sub-committee of the P&C. The main aim is to assist the music teachers in concerts, eisteddfods and others performances, to organise and oversee the distribution of the performance uniform and to support in general the music program in the school.