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Dear Parents and Children,

The time has come to enrol for the 2021 Band program. We have been proud of our bands this year and it will soon be time for some of the Training band members to move on to the Performance band and for some new Training band members to take up the stage. We are encouraging applications from this year's Year 2 class up to Year 5, who would like to learn an instrument. We look forward to the involvement of as many children as possible in the music program.

On Friday, 27 November there will be auditions for new band members who have returned a form, to see what instrument they are best suited to.

All existing Performance and Training band students will also complete the registration form below and return it to the school by Friday, 27 November.

Kind regards,

Janella Fyfe



REGISTRATION FORM OLGC BAND PROGRAM 2021

Please return this form to the school office by Friday, 27 November.

I would like my child _____ in class (2020) _____ to
continue/join the band program in 2021.

New student instrument preference: 1) _____ 2) _____ -

I would like to hire/continue to hire a school instrument Y/N

Email: _____

Parents name: _____

Signature: _____

2021 BAND INFORMATION FOR NEW AND EXISTING MEMBERS

After the band applications have been received, the children will be assessed for suitable instruments. This is a two-step process where all COVID-safe requirements will be adhered to.

- 1) Familiarisation with the instruments and mouthpiece tests. The reason for this is that different instruments are played in different ways and children may be more suited to one particular style of instrument.
- 2) Noting of children's preference for the instrument they would like to play.

Instrument allocation is made in conjunction with the children's own preference after they have seen and briefly tried all the available types of instruments and the band conductors expert opinion.

A brief overview:

- Joining the band requires no prior knowledge of music by children or parents.
- Available instruments are trumpet, trombone, euphonium, saxophone, flute, clarinet, bass guitar (limited) and percussion(limited).
- Instruments are available for hire from the school. Those with access to their own band instrument are equally welcome.
- Rehearsals for Training band are Friday mornings 7:45am.
- Rehearsals for Performance Band are Tuesday mornings 7:45am and Thursday afternoon 3:15-4:15pm
- Children need weekly instrument lessons and tutors are available to give these lessons during school time. Cost is \$40 per half hour lesson plus a room fee. Alternatively, we offer lessons in pairs for \$25, which includes the room hire fee.
- A list of tutors in the area will also be available.
- The performance band performs at a variety of events during the year, including The NSW Band festival, The NSSWE Spring Festival, Swain Gardens and Warringah Mall Spectacular. Children are expected to attend these events.

BAND AND INSTRUMENT EXPENSES FOR 2021

Annual Band fee	\$300.00
Instrument hire	\$280.00
Instrument usage charge-keyboard and percussion	\$100.00
Essential elements Book/CD (Training band only)	\$25.00

These annual fees cover the Band Director's salary and the cost of instrument repairs and servicing, festival entry fee, buses as well as music purchases.

MUSIC IS FUN. MUSIC IS A GIFT FOR LIFE.