OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BANDS

INFORMATION BOOKLET
2021

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Let Your Light Shine

This booklet contains important information. Please read it carefully and keep it in a safe place for future reference.

BAND INFORMATION 2021

Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School's Band Program. We trust that you will find this a rewarding experience. Being part of a team, working together and acquiring mastery of an instrument is very worthwhile and fulfilling for your child. Members of the OLGC Bands will have the opportunity to represent the school in the wider community.

There are currently two ensembles in the OLGC Band Program;

1. Training Band
2. Performance Band

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held once a week and attendance is compulsory. The rehearsal times are as follows:

1. Training Band	Friday 7:45am (starting 5 March 2021)
2. Performance Band	Tuesday 7:45am (starting 9 February 2021) AND Thursday 3:30pm-4:15pm (starting 11 February 2021)

It is *important* that all children *arrive on time* to avoid disturbing the band. Instruments and music folders are required at all rehearsals.

Music Tuition

Children are expected to have weekly lessons on their chosen instrument. The cost of private tuition is approximately $40 per half hour private lesson. We have an on-site tuition program that runs during the school day. You will need to sign up for tuition on band registration morning.

Please let Mrs. Fyfe know if you have tuition outside of school.

Instrument Hire

OLGC owns a number of quality instruments which are available for hire for a very reasonable fee. If you have chosen to hire an instrument, you will be asked to sign a hire agreement form on registration when you collect your instrument. All hired instruments are covered under the School Insurance Policy whilst stored at school. However, parents must agree to properly care for the instrument and are responsible for any costs incurred resulting from mistreatment. The Band will only accept responsibility for any repairs due to age or prior use. If you feel an instrument needs repair, please bring it to the attention of the Band Director.

It is the responsibility of the parent to contact the schools instrument repairer if there is a problem with the instrument and take it for repairs. We are very fortunate to have a local musician Ben Dickson looking after our instruments. Ben will let you know if the instrument just needs a service in which he will charge the school. If it has been dropped or mistreated the charge will be your responsibility.

Ben Dickson Repair Technician M: 0402730826	Lemin Luu Administration M: 0415199085 Workshop located at: 1/900 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why 2099

Code of conduct

Parents and children are required to complete a Code of Conduct and return it when registering for band in 2021. Please remove the form at the back of this booklet, ask your child to sign it, sign it yourself and bring it with you when you attend registration.

As a member of an OLGC School Band I accept my responsibility to:

1. Attend all weekly rehearsals and any others that may be required before a special performance.
2. Be punctual to all rehearsals and performances.
3. Have my instrument and music folder at rehearsals.
4. Practice my instrument and band music independently at home.
   I understand I should do at least 20 minutes practice three times a week.
5. Attend all band performances.
6. Wear correct school uniform as required.
7. Assist where necessary with the setting up and putting away of equipment.
8. Take the utmost care of my instrument and clean it on a regular basis.
9. Remain in the Band until at least the end of the year.
10. Return my instrument, and music, CLEAN and in EXCELLENT condition when I leave band.
11. Display excellent behavior at all times.

I understand that I am a member of a special team of people and that my behavior and performance affect the total performance of OLGC's School Band.

I must treat all people (conductors, tutors, parents, teachers and my peers) with respect and courtesy and I must ensure that my behavior is, at all times, sensible and responsible and a credit to not only the Band, but the whole school community.

I understand that breaching this code may result in losing my place in the band.

Fees

The Annual Band Fees for 2021 are as follows. Please note an account will be issued separately to the school fee account once your child is assured of a position in the band for 2021.

FEE	$
Annual Band Fee (for all members)	300.00
Instrument Hire – Woodwind/Brass	280.00
Instrument usage charge - keyboard/percussion	100.00
Essential Elements Book/CD (training Band only) This book will be given to you at the registration evening.	25.00

These annual fees cover the Band Director's salary, new instruments, music and the cost of instrument repairs and servicing. Invoices will be issued from the school office after registration morning. Full payment of fees is appreciated at your earliest convenience. Payment methods include cheque, cash, EFTPOS, credit card or BPay.

Contacts

Please read the School Newsletter each week for updated information regarding performances, band news etc. If you wish to direct any correspondence to the Band Director, please see my e-mail below.

BAND DIRECTOR	Janella Fyfe	janellafyfemusic@gmail.com
INSTRUMENT REPAIRER	Ben Dickson	0402 730 826

Band assistance

The band program is run by the School Principal, office staff and the Band Director, Janella Fyfe. To make the Band work for your children please consider assisting in some way during the year.

This year we are looking for assistance from all parents of band members. Information about parent expectation will be shared at Registration.

Many hands make light work and great friends.

Taking care of your instrument

It is very important that you clean and maintain your instrument on a regular basis. Your tutor will show you how to do this. An instrument cleaning cloth has been provided with your instrument, however, you still need to purchase slide oil or cork grease from a music store (e.g. Mall Music at Warringah Mall).

Woodwind Instruments (flutes, clarinets and saxophones) must be kept dry inside so that the pads do not get sticky. The outside must be wiped regularly with a clean cloth to stop the instrument getting tarnished. **Do not** use any polishing agents. You must supply your own reeds and remember to bring spares to your band practice. *New reeds can be purchased from the school office*.

Brass Instruments (trombones, trumpets/cornets) should be wiped down regularly to keep the instrument shiny. Again, **do not** use any polishing agents, just a clean dry cloth. Your tutor will show you how to grease and oil the valves and slides.

Please remember these rules:

- DO **NOT** SIT ON YOUR INSTRUMENT CASE**.** They are very costly to repair.
- STORE YOUR INSTRUMENT IN THE CLASSROOM.
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR INSTRUMENT IN A HOT CAR OR IN THE SUN.

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Please complete the form below and return to the OLGC School Office or via email olgc@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Name:	
Class:	
Instrument:	
Students Signature:	
Parent Email:	
Parent's Signature:	Phone No.
Date:	

This form must be handed in and completed before an instrument can be issued.