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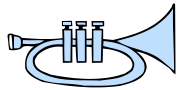
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INSTRUMENTAL BAND PROGRAM 2024

Information and Instrument Tryout Session



Dear Parents,

I am pleased to announce a new intake for our instrumental/band program, which will be offered to students currently in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. Children need to be mature and confident in schoolwork, especially reading before commencing an instrument. I am happy to consult with the parent and class teacher to discuss this. **Please note: this will be the only opportunity for your child to join the band program this year. The next planned opportunity will be in Term 3, 2025.**

Depending on demand, tuition may be offered for the following instruments:

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| 1. Trombone | 2. Trumpet | 3. Saxophone | 4. Clarinet |
| 5. Flute | 6. Drums | | |

We are offering the children the opportunity to learn an instrument. As it is important that we have a variety of instruments in the band, after trying all the instruments to see which ones suit their mouth and body best, students in consultation with their parents will be asked to choose three instruments they would like to play. Allocation of instrument will then be made by Mrs Armour and advised to parents to ensure the needs of the child and the band are best met.

For those people who do not own an instrument, we will be offering information on rental/purchase plans. Most flute players will need a curved head flute which is for smaller students. Please don't purchase an instrument before having your child checked for instrument suitability and until after your child's instrument to play has been allocated. The school has a very limited number of instruments available for hire at \$60 per term.

Lessons will be in student compatible groups with the emphasis being on ensemble work, co-operation within the ensemble and band. Individual lessons may also be available. Group lessons are currently \$20 per week. Individual lessons are currently \$35 per week. **Note:** Drums are only offered as an individual lesson.

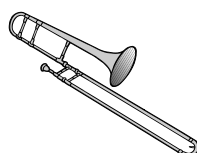
All children in the instrumental program are required to play with our band, attend weekly rehearsals and commit to lessons and band.

Miss Lees (one of our Music Tutors) will be assessing each student for instrument suitability during the school day on Monday 19 August and Tuesday 20 August. After your child attends the assessment for instrument suitability with Miss Lees, we will send home a parent information pack and enrolment form with each student. This parent information pack will contain full details of our instrument program and will also advise which instruments your child is suitable to play. The enrolment form will need to be returned to school by Thursday 22 August.

Please advise me if your child has any disability that may need consideration when selecting an instrument. I anticipate lessons commencing from Monday 2 September.

If you and your child would love to learn and play an instrument in our band program, please complete the expression of interest form that is attached and return it to school by Monday 19 August so that your child can be allocated a time on the Tryout Timetable.

Vikki Armour
Music Teacher



Tristen Hill
Assistant Principal

MURWILLUMBAH PRIMARY SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM-2024

Please indicate interest on School Bytes OR return this form to the school office by Monday 19 August 2024

Student name:	Class: Year 2/3/4/5 (Please circle)
Parent Name:	Parent Phone:
Please advise if your child has any disabilities or medical problems that may need consideration when instrument choice is being considered.	

I am interested in my child learning an instrument through the Instrumental Program. I am applying for my child to be assessed by Miss Lees for instrument suitability. I understand I will then receive an information pack and an enrolment form. The enrolment form will need to be returned to school by Thursday 22 August.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian Date: _____