



## Instrumental Program Expression of Interest 2024

31 August 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

At Eatons Hill State School, we are privileged to have an Instrumental Music Program in which students are given the opportunity to learn an instrument with professional instructors. The aim of the Instrumental Music Program is to provide these students with the aptitude, capacity for self-management, and the interest to extend their knowledge, skill and comprehension of music through learning to play an instrument. Students who are selected to join the program will be expected to participate in the school's ensembles, as well as performances both with the school and the wider community.

We offer the program to students who:

- ♪ demonstrate an aptitude to music
- ♪ wish to continue in the program through to high school
- ♪ are self-managing and committed to putting in the extra effort required to succeed in the program
- ♪ whose parents or caregivers are prepared to support participation in all aspects of the program

**Students in Year 3 are able to begin learning strings** whilst **students in Year 4 can learn any instrument** from the following categories:

- **Strings** (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass)
- **Woodwind** (Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, and Saxophone)
- **Brass** (Trumpet, Trombone, and Euphonium); and
- **Percussion** (tuned and untuned).

Due to staffing and resource (equipment) limitations, a process of selection is required to identify students for inclusion in the program. Not all students will ultimately be offered a place.

### **Please Note the following expectations:**

- A school instrument is available for loan for one year. After this there is an expectation to purchase your child's own instrument. (the exception to this is the larger, expensive instruments)
- A school instrument 1 year loan comes with a \$90 levy.
- There is an Instrumental Music Program Student Resource Scheme cost of \$65 per year. This goes towards sheet music, copying, trophies/awards, local excursions and additional music support.
- This is an ensemble based program and attendance at all rehearsals and performances is compulsory. Beginners join a group after 3 or 4 terms of tuition. Groups rehearse before school.
- Once a student commences learning 1 particular instrument, they remain on that instrument for the balance of their schooling.
- **It is expected that students will continue tuition through to year 6.**

Details of the Process of Selection for student entry into the Instrumental Music Program are attached.

**This is a very exciting program. We are extremely lucky in Queensland as the instrumental program is the envy of music educators around the world.**

Yours sincerely,  
Ed Gordon  
Deputy Principal

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### **Expression of Interest**

**Instrumental Program Inclusion in 2024 - Please return to the office by Friday 15 September 2023.**

My child expresses interest in the following instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

My child learns an instrument privately. If so, what instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

My child has an instrument. If so, what instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# EATONS HILL STATE SCHOOL

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

**Process of Selection** Students must pass through each step to be invited to participate in the Instrumental Music Program

1. **Music Teacher:** Discussion with students regarding the instrumental program. (What are the expectations? What are the characteristics of and information on instruments? Which instruments are available?) List of interested students devised through student Expression of Interest Form.
2. **Classroom teacher feedback:** Teachers interviewed on student behaviour and demonstration of the school rules, progress in general class work, perseverance and level of enthusiasm and fine motor skills.
3. **Auditions and Selection:** Students are selected for auditions with the instrumental music instructors from a short list formed from classroom music results, classroom teacher feedback and Expression of Interest Form. If students are successful in their audition and selected for inclusion in the instrumental program, parents will be notified and invited to the Instrumental Parent Information Evening in Term 4.
4. **Parent Information Evening:** this evening will be held in Term 4. Parents will receive specific information regarding their child's instrumental music education, the Instrumental Handbook and forms for inclusion in the program and hiring an instrument (if necessary).
5. **Sign Up:** Forms submitted and Instrumental Music Program Student Resource Scheme/ hire levy to be invoiced in Term 4 2023.