



**OXENFORD
STATE SCHOOL**

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September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

INTRUMENTAL MUSIC – INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC RECRUITMENT INFORMATION

Annually students are offered the opportunity to join the Instrumental Music Program. The Instrumental Music Program is a co-curricular activity that includes a weekly before or after school band rehearsal and a half hour small group lesson during the school day. Throughout the year band members undertake school performances, competitions, concerts, workshops and camps.

Students learn about the instruments and the sounds they make during classroom music lessons. Students wanting to apply to join the Instrumental Music Program have to choose an instrument that they would like to learn to play and should think seriously about which instrument would be best for them.

BENEFITS OF LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved reasoning capacity and problem-solving skills Improved maths and language performance Better memory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great social and team skills Developing creativity Team building Cultural appreciation

Attached to this notice is a preference form that needs to be completed and returned. Before completing this preference form you need to consider the following conditions:

- Participating in the Instrumental Music Program is a huge commitment for students and parents.
- Students must undertake a minimum of one year in the program.
- There are a limited number of instruments available for hire from the school and you have a greater chance of your child participating in the program if you are able to purchase an instrument.
- In order to recruit a balanced band, there are limited places available on some instruments.
- There is a cost associated with the Instrumental Music Program. You either provide your own instrument or apply to hire one from the school for 12 months.
- The program includes an Instrumental Music Student Resource Scheme which has an annual fee to cover the cost of maintaining the Music Library for your child; upgrading accessories and equipment such as music stands, photocopying expenses, purchasing of awards, certificates, prizes, costs associated with the Eisteddfod / Fanfare (entry fees, buses), maintenance of Music Uniforms and accompanist fees.

Loan Scheme for School Instrument		Providing Own Instrument	
\$ 100.00	Loan Scheme for Instrument		
\$ 45.00	Instrumental Music Resource Scheme Levy	\$45.00	Instrumental Music Resource Scheme Levy

Rehearsals and lessons begin in Week 3 of the new year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: cmcne74@eq.edu.au

Regards

**Corinne McNeill
Instrumental Music Teacher
Band**

**Patric Brady
Principal**

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Band Recruitment Information

Please return this form to the Administration Office ASAP before the end of Term 4 2023 or electronically to cmcne74@eq.edu.au

I give permission for my child to be tested for an instrument (including mouthpiece and physical suitability testing) with the view to them participating in the Instrumental Music Program and agree for an invoice/s to be generated on my child's acceptance into the Instrumental Music Program.

Student's Name		Class
Parent's Name		Contact Phone Number
Parent's Signature	Parent's email	Date Returned

Please tick if any of the following applies to you.

- I already have a concert band instrument in good working order. **Instrument**
- I would consider purchasing an instrument.
- I would require a school instrument at \$ 100 annual hire charge.

Below is a list of instruments taught in the Instrumental Music Band Program at Oxenford State School. Please number 1 to 3 in order of preference of instrument. To help your child's selection - pictures of all the instruments offered can be viewed below.

Please number 1 to 3 in order of preference	INSTRUMENTS	Office Use Only		
		Mouthpiece test	Availability (Number of places)	Number of instruments available at school
	Flute		8	6
	Clarinet		16	10
	Bass Clarinet		1	1
	Alto Saxophone (smaller)		5	3
	Tenor Saxophone (larger)		0	0
	Trumpet		6	4
	Trombone		6	4
	French Horn		1	1
	Baritone		2	2
	Euphonium		0	0
	Bass Guitar		2	0
	Percussion (including: snare and bass drums, cymbals and glockenspiel) Please note: drum kit may be taught in their second year but it is not an integral part of learning percussion at school. All percussion students will be loaned a school glockenspiel for one year.		6	6

Woodwind Instruments

Flute



Clarinet



Saxophone



Brass Instruments

Trumpet



Trombone



Tuba



French Horn



Rhythmic Instruments

Bass Guitar



Percussion

Percussion includes all of the instruments in the percussion family including:



Glockenspiel
&
Drums



I have no preference for a particular instrument.