



Camira State School

2023 Instrumental Music Program

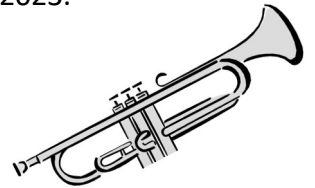
Woodwind, Brass, Percussion

Overview of the Instrumental Program:

Education Queensland provides an Instrumental Music program at most state schools in Queensland. Students have the opportunity to learn an instrument with the aim of becoming a member of the school concert band. Our school is now recruiting current year 3 students to begin lessons in 2023.

How The Program Works:

- * Tuition is provided in brass, woodwind and percussion instruments.
 - * Instruction takes place on a group basis with 3-8 students learning together.
 - * Lessons are ½ hour per week during school-time.
 - * Ensemble experience is provided through the formation of a concert Band.
 - * Ensembles rehearse once a week before or during school time and will perform at school events when ready
 - * Students who learn an instrument will gain many benefits including: - time management, team-work and problem- solving skills, learn a universal language and learn an art-form that they can continue to enjoy for life.
- *Please note that students are expected to continue with the same instrument until they graduate.**



Positions Available for 2023

BAND – WOODWIND, BRASS & PERCUSSION - * OFFER AVAILABLE TO CURRENT 2022 YR 3 STUDENTS.

Woodwind.... Flute
 Clarinet
 Alto Saxophone
Brass..... Trumpet
 Trombone
 Euphonium
Percussion.... Tuned and Un-tuned - total of 4 positions



Student Selection

Students that return the attached expression of interest form before the due date will undergo a musical aptitude test to determine which instrument they are best suited to. In this test students will try one instrument from each instrument family. They will also be tested on their rhythmic abilities through a series of small exercises. It is of the utmost importance that students are carefully selected in order to avoid unnecessary frustration or sense of failure on the part of the student.

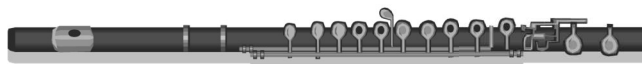
The student's choice of instrument is taken into consideration, however **the instrumental music teacher will have the final decision of which instrument the student will be offered.** After students have completed the musical aptitude test they will receive an instrument offer form and enrolment form. Students may then decide if they wish to accept the instrument that has been offered.

There are several factors that are considered when selecting an instrument for a student including:

- * Number of available school owned instruments
- * Ensuring a good balance of instruments in the concert band
- * The student's results from the music aptitude test

Please note that only those students who return the attached **Expression of Interest Form** to the office no later than **Friday 12TH NOVEMBER** will be considered for selection.

Student Commitment



Every student must agree to:

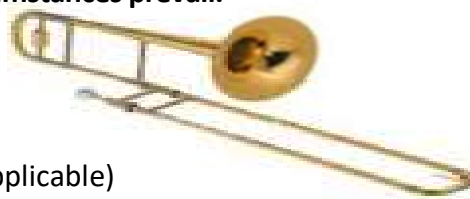
- Practice regularly (15-30) minutes 4 times per week.
- Become a member of the school concert band.
- Take part in all performances in school or public.
- Attend lessons, rehearsals and other classes regularly as required.
- Remain in the program for grades 4-6 unless special circumstances prevail.**



Parent Commitment

Parents agree to:

- Pay the annual Music Levy and Instrument Hire Fee (if applicable)
- Provide necessary equipment to maintain instrument; tutor books for lessons.
- Ensure students attend all rehearsals and performances, unless sickness or exceptional circumstances prevail.
- Provide a suitable practice area and time for practice.
- Provide encouragement.



Instruments & Costs

- * All students participating in the Instrumental Music program must pay a \$20 levy fee.
- * All students hiring an instrument are required to pay a \$100 hire fee (usually all year 4 students).
- * Students who are selected to play Percussion will need to purchase their own drum sticks and practice pad upfront. Percussion students are required to pay the standard levy fee (\$20) and a percussion fee of **\$30 instead of the \$100 hire fee**
- * If students are prepared to provide their own instrument to participate in the program they will only be required to pay the Levy fee of \$20.
- * There are ongoing costs associated with playing an instrument. Consumables such as reeds, oils and cleaning cloths are just a few of these costs. You can expect to make regular trips to your local musical instrument store to replace your student's consumables throughout the year.
- * **Please note that after one year of lessons students are asked to provide their own instrument** (this does not include large instruments which the school will continue to provide on loan i.e. Trombone, Euphonium, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone or percussion).



Things to Consider Before Joining

- * Learning an instrument requires a lot of time, effort, patience and perseverance - Students are asked to practice an average of 3 - 4 times per week after school for 10 – 15 minutes each time.
- * Students will miss half an hour of class each week for their lesson – students must be willing to catch up on any work missed while they are attending their instrumental music lesson.
- * Students are required to join the Concert Band after 1 term of lessons – rehearsals are currently held at 7.40am every Friday morning. Attending Concert Band rehearsals each week is compulsory for all members of the Instrumental Music program.

