



Joining the NNPS Band Program 2024

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to the NNPS Band Program, the time has come to enrol for the 2024 Band Program. We have had a great year expanding our music program with the Training, Concert and Performance Bands.

We are encouraging applications from students in Year 2 (Year 3 for 2024) to Year 5, who would like to learn an instrument. No prior musical experience is necessary. We look forward to the involvement of as many children as possible in the music program.

Janella the Band Director will meet with your child during school hours for an instrument suitability test on either Friday, 17 November or Friday, 1 December, for students who have returned a form, to see what instrument they are best suited to.

Janella Fyfe	Jane Cantrill	Rachel Briggs	Adam Hughes
Band Director	Music Liaison	Band Coordinator	Principal

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR NNPS BAND PROGRAM 2024

(Please return this form to the school office by Monday, 13 November)

Child's name: _____ Class: _____ to join the Band Program.

New student instrument preferences: 1st: _____ 2nd: _____

I would like to hire a school instrument: **Y / N**

Child's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please ensure your email address is clear and correct, we will use this to contact you with forms and further information.

2024 NNPS BAND INFORMATION ~ FOR NEW MEMBERS

After this band form has been received, the children will be assessed for suitable instruments. This is a two-step process and all regulations will be adhered to:

1. Familiarisation with the instruments and mouthpiece tests. The reason for this is that different instruments are played in different ways and children may be more suited to one particular style of instrument.
2. Noting children's preference for the instrument they would like to play.

Instrument allocation is made in conjunction with the children's own preference after they have seen and briefly tried all the available types of instruments and the band conductor's expert opinion.

A brief overview:

- ❖ Joining the band requires no prior knowledge of music by children or parents.
- ❖ Available instruments are trumpet, trombone, euphonium, saxophone, flute, clarinet, bass guitar (limited) and percussion (limited).
- ❖ Instruments are available for hire from the school. Those with access to their own band instruments are equally welcome.
- ❖ *Children will need weekly instrument lessons, a necessary part of joining the band*, a list of suggested tutors will be provided once an instrument is confirmed.
- ❖ Instruments will be issued in February 2024 after registration and Semester One fees have been paid. The Band Program Handbook will outline more information and details regarding the Band Program.
- ❖ Payment for instrument hire and tutorial for Semester One will be invoiced upon registration.
- ❖ Rehearsals for the Training Band are Monday lunchtimes and Wednesday mornings 7.45am, these times may change.
- ❖ Rehearsals for the Concert Band are Monday mornings 7.45am and Wednesday lunchtimes, these times may change.
- ❖ Rehearsals for the Performance Band are Tuesday 3.00pm and Thursday mornings 7.45am, these times may change.

SEMESTER BAND AND INSTRUMENT EXPENSES FOR 2024

Performance, Concert and Training Band fee:	\$200
Instrument hire:	\$154 inc GST
Instrument usage & maintenance charge – Percussion:	\$55 inc GST
Essential elements Book (Training band only):	\$25 (approx)

These fees are per Semester (2 Terms) and cover the Band Director's salary, instrument repairs and servicing, music purchase and band entry fees for external performances.

We have recently become a [Creative Kids Provider](#), details of how to use your child's **\$100 voucher** towards band fees will be provided in the Band Handbook.

MUSIC IS FUN. MUSIC IS A GIFT FOR LIFE.