



GRACEVILLE STATE SCHOOL

Established 1928

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Each year the Queensland Government provides a specialist music education program in state schools. This program is called the Instrumental Music Program and it enables students to learn to play a musical instrument at school, during school time. Students currently in year 2 can apply to join this program and learn to play a musical instrument at Graceville SS in 2026. If you would like your child to be considered for a place in this program, you must return the information slip below by the due date (14 October 2025). Please be that aware there are a limited number of places available, depending on the teacher allocation provided to our school. Students in the IM program need to be able to commit to **independent learning, attending IM lessons in school time, rehearsing their instrument regularly at home in addition to their school homework, attending ensemble rehearsals once a week before/after school and demonstrate a genuine interest in playing an instrument.** Joining the string program at Graceville SS requires a **four year commitment** and thus, students remain in the Instrumental Music Program at GSS for years 3, 4, 5 and 6. During this time, students attend weekly 30 minute lessons in small groups. While student preferences are considered, it is also important to note that instrument balance is a key consideration during the recruitment process, to ensure that we have a workable and balanced musical ensemble for rehearsals and performances. **Please note that if your child is interested in learning to play a band instrument, they need to apply for a place in the program next year when they are in year 3, to begin learning in year 4. Students are not able to play a string instrument, then swap to a band instrument. The band instruments include the trumpet, trombone, baritone, percussion, flute, clarinet and saxophone.**

The following string instruments are available for year 2 students to apply for, to begin learning in year 3: violin, viola, cello and double bass. The school will provide a musical instrument for your child to hire in year 3. After the first year, violin and viola students will need to purchase their own instrument. Cellos will be hired to students for 2 years and double basses for 4 years. We do not accept students into this program after this initial offer period (unless there are extenuating circumstances). This is a four year program and students are expected to commit to the program for the duration of that time. **It is important to note that students who are accepted in the string program are not eligible to apply for a place in the band program in year 3 (to begin in year 4) and no swapping of instruments is permitted.**

The costs involved in the IM program include:

- Annual IM Participation Levy - \$115
- Music stand – from \$30 (to be kept at home)
- Tutor book, band folder and other consumable requirements \$50 - \$100 (per year)
- Annual Instrument Hire (applicable to students hiring instruments) - \$115

The application process takes considerable time to complete. Instrumental teachers will be looking at a range of areas and will collect additional data about your child and their perceived musical potential before any offers are made. Please contact Mrs Naomi Lindh (nclos1@eq.edu.au) if you require further information regarding the instrumental program.

Kind regards

Mrs Lisa McKeaten
Deputy Principal

(Please return slip to the music room or school office by 14 October 2025.)

String Recruitment

I would like my child _____ in class _____
to be considered for the instrumental music program in 2026.

I would be prepared to buy a musical instrument in 2027 - Yes / No 2026 - Yes / No

This is the instrument preference/s for my child _____

Instrument preference is not guaranteed. When IM teachers meet with students during the selection process, they discuss instrument preferences. Offers are also subject to physical suitability to the instrument.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent email contact details _____