

GRACEVILLE STATE SCHOOL

Established 1928

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Instrumental Music in 2018

At Graceville State School, weekly tuition is provided by specialist instrumental music teachers on a range of musical instruments. The instrumental music program is currently entering a recruitment period where students from years 2 and 3 can apply for a place in the program for 2018. Please note, places are limited due to the staffing allocation of instrumental music teachers to the school.

Current year 2 and 3 students will undergo the recruitment process this term, ready to commence learning an instrument in term 1 2018 if they are offered a place. Selected students in year 3 in 2018 are able to play the violin or viola and students in year 4 in 2018 are able to play the cello, double bass, or a band instrument (brass, percussion and woodwind instruments).

The Commitment Required

- Ensemble rehearsals before /after school/during breaks
- Group music lessons in school time once a week
- Performances in and out of school time
- Practicing music at home
- Bringing all musical equipment to school for lessons and rehearsals
- Continuing in the program until the end of year 6
- Purchasing an instrument after one year (with exemptions for expensive instruments)
- Provide funds for the instrumental music levy, instrumental workshop and other program costs such as a tutor book and music consumables.

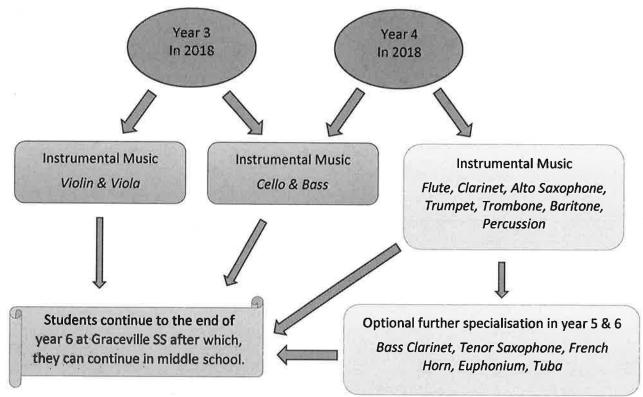
Please note that only a small number of students will be able to join the instrumental program when they are in year 3 in 2018. Year 2 students who are not offered a place in the string program will be considered for a string or band instrument when they are in Year 3.

It is the policy at Graceville State School to lease an instrument to students for one year, after which time the family will be required to purchase an instrument (or families may choose to purchase an instrument for 2018). Students who join the percussion program do not hire an instrument, they need to purchase a glockenspiel, drum pads, sticks and a tutor book. They also pay a fee each year of \$50 for maintenance of school instruments used in lessons/rehearsals.

Many important points (included in the inset above) need to be considered by parents and teachers before allowing a child to take on the responsibility of a position in the instrumental music program as a significant commitment is required from students. There is also an extensive assessment process to determine suitability before places are allocated. Please return the slip below if you would like your child considered for a place in the instrumental program next year.

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to be considered for the instrumental music program in 2018.	
I would be prepared to buy a musical instrument (for 2019)? Yes / No	
My child would like to be considered for	4.
(instrument preference is optional and not guaranteed). When IM teachers meet with students they ask them their 3 instrument preferences.	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Please return this form to the music room or school office by Friday 18 August 2017.	

The Musical Instruments Available



Further Information

You child need not have any prior musical experience to apply to join the music program. All the skills and musical literacy required to be successful will be taught while participating in the program. Each successful student can only access lessons on one instrument. Instrument selection is an important consideration as swapping or changing instruments is not permitted. Students cannot join the string program in year 3 and then transfer to the band program in year 4. Students are also not able to swap from one instrument to another with the string or band program.

All successful applicants will be notified by letter. This letter will indicate whether or not it will be necessary to purchase a musical instrument and will outline other purchase requirement to enroll in the program. Before purchasing any music instrument it is recommended that you discuss the purchase with the instrumental teacher.

IM Levies for 2018

- *Using a school instrument levy String/Woodwind/Brass instrument = \$100
- *Percussion levy \$50
- *Instrumental Music participation levy \$40 tbc
- *Instrumental two-day workshop \$40
- *Music Stand
- *Tutor book/other requirements \$40 approx

If you have any further questions about the program, please contact Naomi Lindh at the school or email (nclos1@eq.edu.au).

Naomi Lindh

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