

# GRACEVILLE STATE SCHOOL

Established 1928

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## *Instrumental Music in 2021*

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 2021. 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 semester, ready to commence learning an instrument in term 1 2021 (if they are offered a place). Selected students in year 3 (in 2021) are able to play the violin, viola or cello and students in year 4 (in 2021) are able to play the cello, double bass, or a band instrument (brass, percussion and woodwind instruments).**

Please note that only a small number of students will be able to join the instrumental program when they are in year 3 in 2021. Students who are interested in the string program should apply in year 2 but can apply again in year 3 if they are not successful. Students interested in the band program should apply during the recruitment period when they are in year 3. This year we have experienced a decrease in instrumental teaching time so places offered to students for the band program will also be limited.

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 2021). 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 levy each year 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.

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_  
to be considered for the instrumental music program in 2021.

I would be prepared to buy a musical instrument (for 2021/2022)? Yes / No

My child would like to be considered for \_\_\_\_\_  
(instrument preference is optional and not guaranteed). When IM teachers meet with students they also ask them their instrumental preferences and discuss instrument options.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

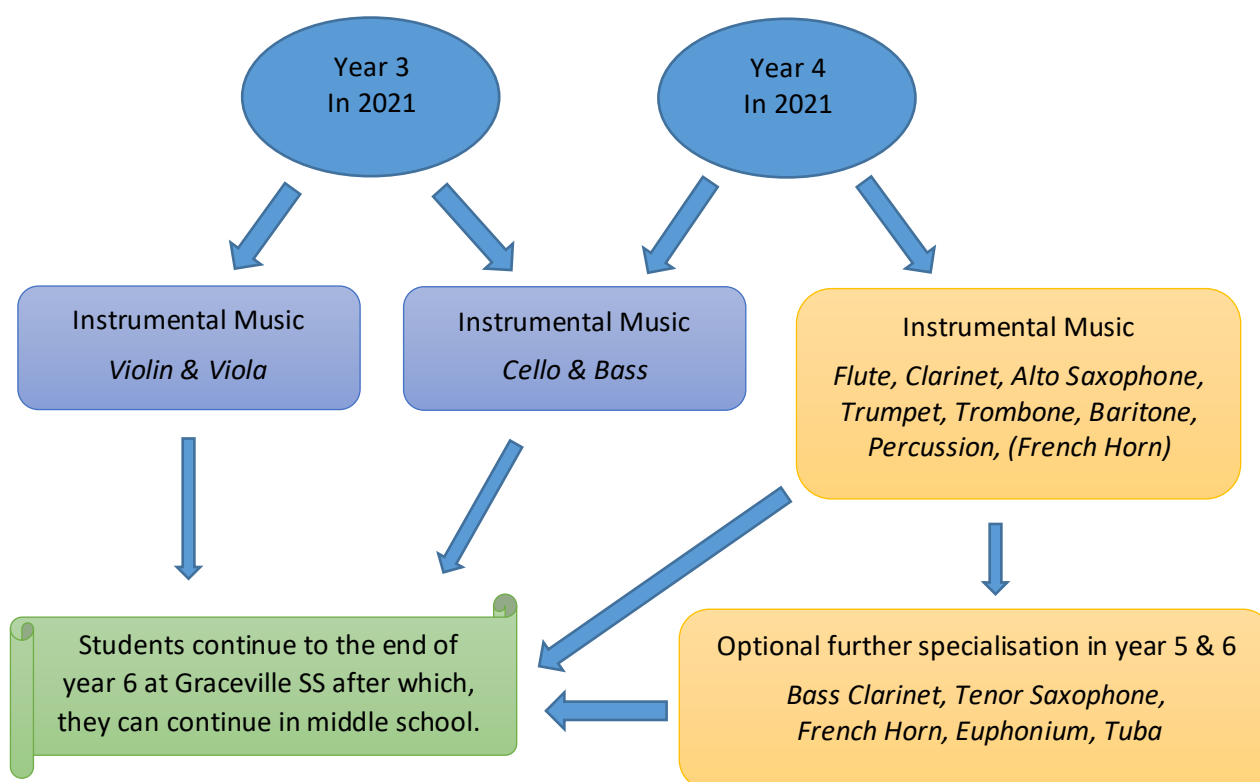
**Please return this form to the music room or school office by Friday 9 October 2020.**

## *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, including the workshop and other program costs such as a tutor book and music consumables.



## The Musical Instruments Available



## Further Information

You child need not have any prior musical experience to apply to join the IM 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 within 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.

Please note that the recruitment process takes considerable time and will be completed later this year. Offers for placement in the program for 2021 will be sent out by the end of term 4. If you have any further questions about the program, please contact Naomi Lindh ([nclos1@eq.edu.au](mailto:nclos1@eq.edu.au)).

### IM Levies for 2021

- \*Using a school instrument levy  
String/Woodwind/Brass  
instrument = \$100
- \*Percussion levy \$60
- \*Instrumental Music  
participation levy  
including two-day IM  
workshop \$90 TBC
- \*Music Stand
- \*Tutor book/other requirements  
\$40 - \$60 (approx.)

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