



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 3 can apply to join this program and learn to play a musical instrument at Graceville SS in 2023. 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 (19 August 2022). Please be 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 band program at Graceville SS requires a **three year commitment** and thus, students remain in the Instrumental Music Program at GSS for years 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.

The following instruments are available for year 3 students to apply for, to begin learning in year 4: trumpet, trombone, baritone, percussion, flute, clarinet and saxophone. The school will provide a musical instrument for your child to hire in year 4. To continue in year 5, most families will need to purchase this instrument for their child, so that the school set of instruments can be cleaned and available for the next group of beginning students. We do not accept students into this program after this initial offer period (unless there are extenuating circumstances). This is a three-year program and students are expected to commit to the program for the duration of that time. The costs involved include:

- Annual IM Participation Levy - \$110 TBC (all IM students)
- Music stand – from \$30 (to be kept at home)
- Tutor book, band folder and other consumable requirements \$40 - \$90 (per year)
- Annual Instrument Hire (applicable to students hiring instruments) - \$110 TBC
- Percussion Levy - \$60 (percussion students only for use of school percussion equipment)

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

Lisa McKeaten
Deputy Principal

(Please return slip to the music room or school office by Friday 19 August.)

I would like my child _____ in class _____
to be considered for the instrumental music program in 2023.

I would be prepared to buy a musical instrument in 2024. 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 preference/s. The balance of instruments within the band is also a key consideration. Offers are also subject to physical suitability to the instrument.)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____