



Gladesville Public School

BAND PROGRAM

Information Booklet

2011

GLADESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND

Gladesville Public School has a comprehensive instrumental band program which is available to all children from Year 3 - Year 6. As part of the program, tuition is available on the following instruments: Piano (incl Keyboard), Bass and Electric Guitar, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Drums and Tuned Percussion.

The purpose of the following information is to explain the Band Program to you and to outline the benefits and obligations.

THE BENEFITS

There are clear and established links between music learning and improved academic and social outcomes in children. Music enhances students' team skills, boosts self-esteem and subsequently assists learning in areas such as Maths and English. A positive and supportive school music program can make a unique contribution to children's development and their enjoyment of school.

Sustained commitment and hard work are the only vehicles making successful performance possible. Through music study students learn the value of effort and the rewards of this effort are lifelong and considerable.

A successful instrumental music program brings a sense of value and pride to any school.

THE OBLIGATIONS

Parents are asked to provide a suitable quiet environment for their children to practice their instrument, preferably everyday and for 20 to 30 minutes minimum if possible.

All band members are required to:

- * provide a musical instrument of suitable type and standard
- * have weekly professional tuition:
- * attend all band rehearsals and performances:
- * take care of instruments, music and equipment:
- * practice instruments daily whenever possible:
- * provide a music stand for home:
- * use impeccable manners and listening skills during rehearsals

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. SUPPLY OF INSTRUMENTS

Instruments must be supplied by parents of the children. There are three ways of acquiring an instrument - new purchase, second hand purchase, or hire.

2. Tuition

Tuition is conducted both individually and in groups and is parent funded. Some Tutors are currently working within our school and others will be joining us in 2011. Parents will be invoiced accordingly for lessons.

3. Rehearsals

Concert Band will have one rehearsal a week on **Monday**, before school from 7.45am to 8.45am. Training Band will also have one rehearsal per week, before school on **Wednesday** from 7.45am to 8.45am.

4. Anticipated costs

Instrument hire	dependent on which instrument is hired
Band tuition	\$66.00 per term
Group tuition (max 5 students)	\$22.00 per lesson
Individual tuition	\$35.20 per LESSON
Music stand	\$33.00 (approx)
Tuition material	\$33.00 (approx)

All prices include GST.

5. Parent Helpers

Parents are welcome (and needed) to assist with setting up and packing away of band equipment. A roster is drawn up for the year and most likely you will not be needed to help more than once a term.

If you wish your child to be part of the band program please fill in the attached application form and return it to the front office no later than **Wednesday 15 December**. If your child joins the band, an ongoing commitment is encouraged through to the end of their stay at school.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact myself or Rachel on 80131400 or 0402 471 248

Sincerely,

Gav Darby

BAND APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

I HEREBY APPLY FOR MY
(please print full name)

CHILD OF YEAR(2011)
TO JOIN THE BAND PROGRAM AT GLADESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

OUR INSTRUMENT CHOICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1.
2.
3.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED IN THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION :

MOTHER'S NAME.....

FATHER'S NAME.....

SIGNED.....

CHILD'S NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE (h)..... (mobile)

EMAIL

() PLEASE INCLUDE ME ON THE ROSTER AS A PARENT HELPER