



Gladesville Public School

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT HIRE

Information Booklet

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GLADESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

General Information on the Hire of Musical Instruments

String instruments

Violin Years K-6

Violins come in different sizes to suit the child. At GPS we have one of each of the following sizes available for hire: 1/16, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4 sizes.

Viola: Years 4-6

The viola is similar to a violin but with a slightly deeper sound. Children actually begin to learn viola on a violin strung with viola strings. At GPS we have one 1/2 size and one 3/4 size available for hire.

Cello: Years 2-6

The cello has a deeper sound than the viola and is larger and heavier. At GPS we have one 1/4 size and one 1/2 size available for hire.

Please note that it is the parent's responsibility to replace strings during the hire period.

Woodwind instruments

Saxophone (Alto & Tenor): Years 3-6 and 4-6 respectively

This is an expensive and heavy instrument. Children must be responsible enough to look after it and large enough to handle it with ease. Most children learn on an alto saxophone. The tenor saxophone is larger & deeper in tone than the alto saxophone. At GPS we have 2 alto saxophones and one tenor saxophone available for hire.

Please note that parents are responsible for the purchase of reeds for these instruments.

Brass Instruments

Brass instruments have a lot of tubing that is curled up. Valves are used to open up different lengths of tubing.

Trumpet Years 3 – 6

At GPS we have 3 trumpets available for hire.

Trombone Years 3 - 6

The trombone has a slide. When the slide is pulled out, the sound is lower. When the slide is all the way in, the sound is higher. At GPS we have 2 trombones available for hire.

Instrument hire care and responsibility

- Parents are responsible for the care of an instrument whilst it is hired for their child's use.
- Parents must report any damage to the instrument officer immediately.
- The music committee is responsible for arranging all repairs for damaged instruments.
- Parents will be liable for payment for repairs when the damage is considered to be due to neglect or mistreatment.
- The instrument is for the exclusive use of the child it has been hired to and must not be used by friends or other family members. A penalty applies.

Hire fees

The hire fee for each instrument available through the school is made up of a refundable deposit and a non-refundable hire fee. The minimum hire period is 2 terms and the maximum is 4 terms. The hire fee is \$80(\$120 for cellos) for 2 terms hire period paid in advance. The hire can be renewed for another 2 terms only. The first amount is paid with the deposit at the start of hire before collecting the instrument. The second amount is paid towards the end of the second term of hire. Instruments hired for 2 terms only must be returned to school at the end of the second term hire. **At the end of the year all instruments must be returned to the school for stocktaking, inspection and repairs.**

Deposit

A refundable deposit of \$100 applies to all instruments. This deposit is returned in full at the end of the hire period if the instrument is returned in good condition by the due date. The cost of repairing damage to the instrument due to neglect or mistreatment will be deducted from the deposit. The deposit will be returned only after inspection of the instrument.

Instrument tuition

All students hiring school instruments must apply to join one of the ensembles/bands within the first 2 terms of hire. They also need to arrange private instrumental tuition. The payment of instrument tutors and ensemble/band conductors is entirely a private matter between the student and the tutor/conductor. Music will be provided by the ensemble/band conductors and it is expected that these pieces will be learned in preparation for ensemble/band rehearsals. It is also expected that students attend all rehearsals and performance.

Behaviour

Students hiring instruments or joining one or more of the school's ensembles/bands must demonstrate good behaviour and a responsible attitude towards care of instruments, towards the conductor and towards other members of the ensemble/band.

Hiring an instrument

If you wish to hire an instrument from the school, fill in the attached expression of interest form and hand it in to the school office. Application forms will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis. The instrument officer will contact you to tell you if your application has been successful, answer any questions and arrange for you to come to the school office to sign an instrument hire agreement and pay the deposit and hire fee. The instrument officer will then ask you to come to the school to collect the instrument and will show you and your child how to care for the instrument. The student must take good care of the hired instrument at all times. The music committee arranges for regular servicing of the instruments and will issue the instrument in good condition, but any damage due to neglect or mistreatment will need to be paid by the parents. The instrument is insured by the DET (Department of Education and Training) against theft **only if a police event number is produced. If the instrument is lost due to neglect and no police event number is produced, the parents will be responsible for the cost of its replacement.** You must notify the school **immediately** of any loss or damage to the hired instrument. The instrument officer will arrange for the instrument to be repaired – **do not attempt to repair the instrument yourself.**

Contact details:

Myee Clohessy (Strings Conductor): 0405 070721 / myeeclo@hotmail.com

Bronwyn McGill (Strings Officer) bosz@bigpond.com

Suzy Downes (Band Officer): suzy.downes@spotless.com.au

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HIRE OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

At GPS we have a pool of instruments for hire. There are trumpets, trombones, alto and tenor saxophones, violins, violas and cellos.

Whether you are already a member or you wish to join one of the Bands or String Ensembles in the future, you can apply for instrument hire now.

Applications will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis, so fill in the expression of interest below and bring it to the School Office as soon as possible. You will then be contacted by a member of the committee. Meanwhile, if you have any queries, you may contact:

Myee Clohessy (Strings Conductor): 0405 070721 / myeeco@hotmail.com

Bronwyn McGill (Strings Officer) 0408 805 977 / bosz@bigpond.com

Suzy Downes (Band Officer): 0424 750 078 / suzy.downes@alliancecatering.com.au

Cinden Holt (School Office): 98172388 / gladesvill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HIRE OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

Student's name _____ Class _____

Parent's name _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Mobile _____

Which instrument are you interested in hiring? _____

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For Office use only:

Date application was received ___/___/___ Time ___:___

Signature _____

Application successful / Placed on waiting list (please circle). Parent contacted on ___/___/___