



Excelsior Band

## Band Begins -2020

Every child will have 2 Band commitments /week

- 1 Band Practice – Whole Band with conductor
- 2 Group Tutorial for specific instrument - Tutor

Band	Stage	Band Practice Time	Instrument tutorial time
Training Band	beginners in 2020	Monday 7.45 am Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> half lunch Wednesday
Intermediate Concert Band	beginners in 2019	Monday 3.00-4.00 pm Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> half lunch Wednesday
Senior Concert Band	beginners 2017 or 2018	Thursday 7.45 am Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> half lunch Wednesday

### When does band start?

All Bands will begin in Week 2 of Term 1.

#### Training Band begins on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

- They will be given an instrument with a serial number and some basic instruction about how Band Practice will be run.
- They will meet their Conductor and will be shown how to set up the room and some simple instrument care procedures.
- They will not be playing their instrument at this practice and will bring the instrument back on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> ready for their first lesson with their instrument specialist teacher.
- Children will have a name tag attached to the instrument but should put a **more personal** one on as well with a **phone number**. Instruments do get lost sometimes and children pick up the wrong one.

#### Intermediate Band begins on **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

- Begins Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the same time and place as it was in 2019 when it was a training band.
- Serviced instruments will be returned at the first Band Practice

#### Senior Concert Band begins on **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February**

- Begins with their tutorial on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and then Band Practice the next morning Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Serviced instruments can be collected from Mrs Cherlin at any time in week 2, before this.

### Timetable of Lessons

The timetable for the Wednesday lessons will be put up in the staffroom window before Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Training Band children will go to the hall on Wednesday at the beginning of lunch and will be picked up by tutors. They will learn now to put the instrument together and make a noise.

## Band Fees

- Families are invoiced one term at a time.
- The hiring fee and the servicing fee are attached to the first term account. (Which makes Terms 2, 3 and 4 significantly cheaper.)
- Band Fees **MUST BE** paid to THE EXCELSIOR BAND ACCOUNT on the invoice. **Do not use the School online payment facility.**

## Training Band 2020

- ...have already paid for the Servicing and Hiring Fees for 2020, when paying the deposit to secure their offer of a place.

## Music Books

- All students need a music text book (see below) and a music folder for loose leaf music.

## Training Band

- The text book is called Accent on Achievement and then the relevant instrument. These have been purchased for you and added to the first account (\$16) if you would prefer to do so you can buy a second hand one on-line for a cheaper price. Make sure you get the right instrument and Book 1.

## Concert Bands (Intermediate and Senior)

- The text book is called Standards of Excellence. If you child has **lost their book** please purchase another, you can pick up a second hand one from Mrs Cherlin for \$10 until the end of week 2.

## Am I financially responsible for the instrument?

- Each year you pay a servicing fee to cover the on-going maintenance of the instrument. The fee is slightly less than the actual cost if they were done individually by families.
- Sometimes instruments are damaged. Some discretion is used to decide how they will be paid for.
- If it is a lack of care by the hirers of the instrument, then they would be expected to replace/repair, or make a significant contribution to the cost.
- Lost instruments must paid for by the hirer - minus the service fee for that year.

## Contact /Communication

Please make sure that email contact details are up to date. If you have changed any details, it is worth letting us know.

Notes like this will be put on the website under P&C- Band and/or attached to the App notification. If using the App, click on the Excelsior icon at the top, then go to groups then Band.

Permission notes will be on the website at Quick Access – Permission Notes and Communications

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