Aspley East State School

31 Helena Street, Aspley QLD 4034

Friday 21st August 2026

2027 Band Program – Expression of Interest

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Students in Year 4 to Year 6 have the opportunity to learn concert band instruments (woodwind, brass, percussion) in the school's Instrumental Music program. Students currently in Year 3 may express interest in joining the 2027 band program by returning the slip attached to this letter.

The band program focuses on ensemble music making, involving before or after-school large-group rehearsals. These rehearsals are scheduled up to once per week and help students prepare for ensemble performances. Students also receive lessons in smaller groups, which allow for a streamlined delivery of the Instrumental Music curriculum. These lessons take place during school hours, meaning students will miss 30 minutes of regular class time each week to participate.

Learning an instrument should be considered an extension subject. It is an exciting and challenging pursuit that students may find harder than maths or English, yet they only receive one lesson per week! Home practise and persistence is an absolute requirement for all students enrolled in the program, as this allows students to overcome the challenges and fully experience the wonder and enjoyment of music making and group performance.

Recruitment & Selection Process

As part of the program's recruitment process, students will have a short opportunity to try out the instruments on offer and indicate their preferences. During this time the instrumental music teacher will test students for attributes that indicate instrument suitability. Each band instrument is unique and challenging in its own way, so it's very important to find the instrument that best suits each child's individual strengths, personality and body. In Term 4, students will receive an offer to join the band program on the instrument most suited to them, as determined by the instrumental music teacher.

Instruments in the Band Program

- Trombone, trumpet, clarinet, euphonium, flute, percussion, saxophone.
- All beginners are guaranteed a school instrument to use in their first year of learning.
- Piano and guitar are not included in the instrumental music program.
- Students currently in the strings program are not eligible to apply for the band program.

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Summary of Parental Expectations

- Provide your child with a suitable instrument (typically second-hand) after 1 or 2 years of tuition. The school prioritises its limited stock of instruments for beginner students. However, students learning more expensive instruments such as trombone, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone and euphonium are guaranteed a school hire instrument for their entire time in the band program.

- Maintain an interest in your child's music study; regularly engage with them about practise, lessons and their overall experience in the program. Contact the instrumental music teacher if you feel your child is struggling, either in motivation or ability, so that support can be provided.

- Ensure your child has the time and a suitable location to practise their instrument (multiple times per week!) and sit with them during practise sessions if you feel they could benefit from the encouragement and support.

Costs

Lessons and rehearsals are free of charge. However, some personal items such as a song book and cleaning products must be purchased by families. These items can be purchased as a pack from Other Music, based in Redcliffe. If the music pack items have not been purchased after the first three lessons the school may purchase them for your child, with the associated costs being invoiced to you.

Separately, the school will charge a combined levy & instrument hire fee, which in 2027 will be in the range of $150 to $200. This allows hire instruments to be regularly serviced/repaired and supports the purchase of other resources students will use such as music folders and ensemble sheet music.

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Band Application for 2027

Complete this form (return to the office) to express interest in the Band Program

Do not complete this form if your child has studied strings in 2026

Student Full Name: _____

Current Class: _____

Students will be asked their instrument preferences at the instrument testing session, which is scheduled for Thursday 17th September. A make up session will be held on the 15th of October.

Parent/Caregiver(s) Name: _____

Email Address(es): _____

Please note:

Unfortunately, there is a limit to the total number of students that may participate in the instrumental music program, based on funded teaching time and resources. When there are more applicants than available spots, some students may not be offered a place in the program. In this situation, families are strongly encouraged to consider private music lessons for their child to support their interest in learning an instrument.

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