Milton State School Instrumental Music Program

Program Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Education Queensland provides a program of Instrumental tuition in primary and secondary schools in many areas of the state. This program is to continue at Milton State School in 2014. In a fully implemented program, tuition is provided on brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. Ensemble experience is provided through the formation of concert bands and other ensembles. This program becomes an integral part of the student’s music education.

Instruction takes place on a group basis. The duration of a group lesson is 30 minutes in school time. All instrumental students are required to participate in school ensembles. Large group rehearsals are usually scheduled in the time available before school or at lunch time.

Classes for children in Years 5, 6 and 7 in 2014 will be for these instruments:

- **WOODWIND**
  - Flute
  - Clarinet
  - Alto Saxophone

- **BRASS**
  - Trumpet
  - Trombone
  - Baritone

- **PERCUSSION**
  - Tuned and untuned
  - Drums

**Levy and associated costs**

There will be a $50.00 levy for all children who own their own instrument and a $90.00 levy for children who will be using a school instrument per year in the Instrumental Music Program to cover the purchase of concert band/ensemble music. Regular expenses are required at various intervals for tutor books, reeds, valve oil, slide cream etc, and parents must meet these.

**As a rule, school loans are for one year.** After this period it is expected that students purchase or privately hire their own instruments. Percussion students will require drum sticks.

Students will be selected for the program according to various criteria:

- Student’s keenness to learn
- Musical aptitude
- Classroom music knowledge/skills
- Physical characteristics pertinent to a particular instrument
- Commitment of student and parent to daily practice
- Regular attendance at lessons and rehearsal, performances and camps

Our instructor will suggest the appropriate choices of instrument for your child depending on physical and musical attributes and your child will be given the opportunity to discuss their preferences. Please refrain from buying/hiring an instrument until this process is completed.

Every student must agree to:

1. Practise regularly – 15-30 minutes every day
2. Become a member of the school ensemble
3. Take part as required in all concerts and camps
4. Attend lessons, rehearsals & other classes regularly as required

If you would like your child to apply for the instrumental program please fill out the Application Form and return it to the office on 29/10/2013. The selection process will take place soon after this date and you will be informed if your child has been successful.

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