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 stringed instruments. Ensemble experience is provided through the strings 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 where appropriate. Large group rehearsals are usually scheduled in the time available before school or at lunch time. In 2014 the Strings Ensemble will rehearse before school on Thursdays.

Classes for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in 2014 will be for these instruments:

**STRINGS**
- Violin
- Cello
- Double Bass (Years 6 & 7 only)

**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 strings/ensemble music. A limited number of instruments will be available for loan from the school. Tutor books must be purchased by the parents of each student.

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

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, rehearsals and performances.

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 as appropriate
3. Take part as required in all concerts
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 15/11/2013. 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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