Melba Copland Secondary School

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BAND PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Melba Copland Secondary School currently has 2 Concert Bands – **Concert Band** and **Beginner Band**.

Concert Band is for those students with 1 or more years' experience on their chosen instrument.
Beginner Band is a group of players who are new to music or have decided to play a new instrument.

It is expected that students commit to at least 1 year. It is hoped that students continue beyond this, so that we can build and improve our Band Program.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will take place during the following times:

Concert Band – Wednesday Afternoon 3:00 – 5:00pm in the Band Room with the first rehearsal starting in Term 1.

Beginner Band – Semester 1, this will be held as an on-line Class. Students will learn to play their instrument, how to care for them, how to play as a part of a band and musical theory. They can transition to the Concert Band after this. Students can participate in both bands on different instruments if they wish.

INSTRUMENT HIRE

MCSS School Band Program has access to the IMP Instrument Store and therefore there are several instruments available to hire. Available instruments:

- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone
- Baritone Saxophone
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- Percussion kit
- Bass Guitar (Students will need to have their own amp for home practice)

FEES

There are various fees that help keep the Band Program running:

Band Program Levy: Payable by all Band Members. This covers money towards new music, photocopying, the cost of relief staff, some excursion expenses including combined band rehearsals, Bandstravaganza and Floriade. This is a compulsory payment required to participate in the Band Program. Additional excursion expenses may arise if we receive more performance opportunities throughout the year.

Uniform: There is a band uniform available to purchase. This will be required for all performances. A note to order the uniform will be handed out in class in Term 1.

Instrument Hire: This is included in the band program levy for all students hiring an Instrument. This covers service costs/cost to maintain.

Please note that these fees are only an indication based on previous years and is subject to change. Costs are dependent on COVID-19 restrictions for excursions.

INCIDENTALS

Please be aware that some instruments require a few small 'extras' that will need to be purchased. Clarinets and Saxophones use single reeds, oboes use double reeds, and brass instruments use valve oil.

It is important to make sure that your child takes care of the instrument and that you are aware that if it is lost, you will be liable for the cost to replace the instrument. If you own an instrument, and even with hiring one, it is recommended that you add the instrument to your home and contents insurance policy. Student responsibilities for instrument hire are set out on the Membership Form, to be issued early in semester 1.

Invoices will be issued to band members for the Band Program Levy, Uniform and Instrument Hire during Term 1.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the school band, please fill out this expression of interest and return to the front office, or email to MCSS.PerformingArts@ed.act.edu.au

Student full name:

Band (please tick): ◯ **Beginner Band** ◯ **Concert Band** ◯ **Both**

I require instrument hire: ◯ **yes / no** ◯

Please indicate which instrument/s you would like to play:

Flute	◯	Trombone	◯
Oboe	◯	Trumpet	◯
Clarinet	◯	Euphonium	◯
Alto Saxophone	◯	Tuba	◯
Tenor Saxophone	◯	Percussion	◯
Baritone Saxophone	◯	Bass Guitar	◯
French Horn	◯	Piano	◯