

**Lockyer District High School
Instrumental Music
Handbook
2023**

Instrumental Music Policy Statement

Recruitment

Students who have not previously learned an instrument and who wish to learn will be given a musical aptitude test by the Instrumental Teacher to ascertain their ability in four areas – pitch, rhythm, chord recognition and memory retention. Once students have been matched to an appropriate instrument, parents/caregivers will be notified of the possibility of their child being involved in the Instrumental Program at this school. Basic expectations and costs will be outlined at this stage.

The decision to accommodate a student will be determined by the Instrumental Teacher and the Music Teacher. Students arriving from other schools, who wish to participate in the Instrumental Program/Choral Program, should see the Instrumental Teacher or the Music Teacher as soon as possible after their arrival at the school.

Students new to the school in Years 7-12 who have their own instruments and who wish to continue their instrumental lessons should also arrange to discuss this with the Instrumental Teacher.

Instruments

Students who have been successful in gaining entry to the Instrumental Program may be loaned their instrument if available for the period of the school year. After this time, students are expected to purchase their own instrument. Not all instruments are available. Please consult with the Instrumental Teacher.

These instruments belong to the Department of Education and Training and must be kept in the condition in which they were issued. Specific information regarding instrument care and use will be given by the Instrumental Teacher.

Instruments will not be issued until the Instrumental Agreement EQ 11 has been signed by a parent or guardian and the fee has been paid in full. All original copies of this agreement will be filed and copies given to the Instrumental Teacher. A registry of each instrument's original condition will have been recorded prior to distribution.

Communication

Every term parents/caregivers will be notified of any information session relating to the Instrumental Music/Choral Music Programs, where information will be provided by the Principal, Instrumental Teacher and Music Teacher. These sessions are conducted during school hours.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to contact Mr Clyde, Instrumental Teacher/coordinator with any concerns regarding the Woodwind, Brass or Percussion Program. If the inquiry is about strings contact Stella Rota the strings teacher. John Clyde – jclyd3@eq.edu.au Stella Rota- srota1@eq.edu.au

Fees

The fees for Band and Strings cover the following:

- Entry fees into competitions
- Buses during the year; to and from venues
- Resourcing the music library
- Wear and tear on equipment used at school
- Maintenance upon return of instrument

Costs

- \$40 Fee to cover materials and resources (Every student) **RESOURCE FEE**
- \$35 Students borrowing school instruments contribute (In addition to the resource Fee)
- OWN Instrument =Resource fee of \$40 only
- \$15.00 (approximately) - tutor book

Tutor books-some are available at School Textbook hire

Repairs and Wear and Tear

Repairs to school instruments will be paid for by the school unless willful damage or neglect is involved. These costs will be borne by the child's parents/caregivers.

The loss or damage of school instruments should be reported to Administration as soon as possible.

Parents/caregivers are required to sign a Loan Agreement form which states that any damage to an instrument which is not just wear and tear must be paid for by the parents/caregivers. An invoice will be forwarded to parents/caregivers for prompt payment.

Return of Instruments

Instruments on hire from the school will be collected by mid-November by the Instrumental Teacher. Once the instrument is returned, the instrument will be checked, tested, sterilised and serviced depending on need.

Tutor Books

Each student is expected to purchase a tutor book as prescribed by the Instrumental Teacher. A list of tutor books for each level will be provided at the beginning of each year. Details will be given at parent information meetings (subject to covid restrictions) and via written correspondence. Approximate costs will be \$10.00 - \$15.00 a booklet.

Costs for books and accessories vary from instrument to instrument. The Instrumental Teacher will distribute this information at the beginning of the year. This cost is additional to the standard fee due to the individual relevance of the book. Prices are subject to change.

Tuition

Each student will be given one thirty minute lesson on a rotational basis during school time. This rotational timetable will make sure that students do not miss the same lesson twice in a row. If there are any concerns with this please contact the Instrumental Teacher. Group size can vary from three (minimum) to eight (maximum) students depending on the instrument and the ability of players.

A copy of the timetable is updated on the Performing Arts noticeboard. It is the students' responsibility to check this regularly for possible changes as they may occur during the year. Classroom teachers will be notified of these lessons via a timetable.

Student Attendance

A roll is recorded by the Instrumental Teacher at the beginning of each lesson. If a student fails to attend a lesson or rehearsal, or to remember their instrument twice in a term, they will be referred to the Music Head of Department. Parents/caregivers will be contacted as well.

External Tuition

Instrumental Teachers and Music Teachers are advised by the Department of Education and Training not to tutor a student from the same school.

Home Practice

Beginning players are expected to do fifteen minutes home practice per day five days a week. The amount of practice should increase to thirty minutes per day by the end of the year as the student gains more confidence.

Continuing students should complete thirty – forty-five minutes of home practice per day five days a week. The Instrumental Teacher will issue a practice sheet which is to be completed by parents/caregivers of all students. This will be checked at the weekly lesson to ensure that the appropriate practice has been completed.

Failure to do sufficient practice will result in parent/caregiver contact in the first instance. In the second instance, students will be referred to the Music Head of Department and parents/caregivers will again be contacted.

Termination of Lessons

A student's removal from lessons will only occur after negotiation with the Principal and the Instrumental Teacher.

Music Uniform

The music uniform is worn by both Instrumental members. Requirements for 2022 are:

- Black trousers (not jeans) Black Skirts—Black Button up shirts
School formal uniform (when required)
- Plain black leather polished shoes and black socks.

When students are performing in or out of the school, they are representing Lockyer District High School in a very positive way and are expected to dress and conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. It is expected that all Instrumental and Choral members wear the Formal Uniform. Performances on parade will only require school uniform unless otherwise stated by the Instrumental Teacher or Music Teacher.

Concerts and Performances (See Schools latest Covid updates)

During the course of the school year, Instrumental members will be required to play at a variety of functions. It is expected that members make themselves available to perform on all of these occasions. Notice in writing of these functions will be distributed to students prior so appropriate arrangements can be made. An overview of performances throughout the year are identified in the initial introductory letter sent home. A school calendar is also available on the school website

<http://LockyerDistrictHigh/Arts/Instrumental/website>

If a student is unable to attend any of these functions, a parental note outlining the reason is required.

If parents/caregivers are required to provide transport to and from these functions it is requested that they do so and that punctuality be observed.

Instrumental and Choral Groups for 2023

For 2023 we will be operating the following Instrumental Groups.

- Concert Band
- Stage Band/Big Band
- Sax Quartet
- Chamber Strings/string ensemble

Rehearsal days for the above ensembles will be announced within the first couple weeks of school commencing in association with the introductory letters. The schedule will also be displayed on the Performing Arts noticeboard.

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