



Music Program



**Parent information regarding our Band Program,
Instrumental Music Program and Vocal Ensembles**

Welcome to the St Kieran's Instrumental Music and Band Program. Music is highly valued at St Kieran's and we are pleased to give our students the opportunity to be involved in many different and enriching musical experiences.

The aim of the Instrumental Music and Band Program is to develop our students' musical, social and personal awareness through participation in music instruction, ensembles, rehearsals and performances. Multiple studies have shown that learning a musical instrument is one of the most beneficial activities a child can do. While stimulating brain activity, it teaches commitment and perseverance, while being rewarding and fun.

Band Program: Years 4 – 6

Students in Years 4 to 6 participating in the Band Program are taught the following instruments:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Bass Clarinet
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- French Horn
- Percussion



During each term, students receive a 30 minute lesson during school time on a rotating timetable by our music teacher Miss Georgia Mannell.

Band Ensembles: All students in the band program participate in either the Beginner Band (Year 4) or Advanced Band (Years 5 & 6). Rehearsals take place before school from 7.30am to 8.20am on Wednesday morning for the Beginner Band (commencing Term 2) and Friday morning for the Advanced Band (commencing week 2, Term 1).

Performance opportunities are available throughout the year at our school assemblies, eisteddfods, annual music night and school fete.

Fees: Participation in the Beginner Band (Year 4) program is offered at an introductory fee of \$300 for the year. This includes hire of the instrument, weekly lessons and music.

Participation in the Advance Band (Year 5 & 6) is \$400 for the year and includes hire of the instrument, weekly lessons and music.

Instrumental Music Program: Years 1 to 6

Instrumental music lessons are also available and students participating in the Instrumental Music Program are taught the following instruments:

- Piano
- Guitar
- Drums

During each term, students receive a 30 minute group or individual lesson during school time on a rotating timetable by our instrumental music teachers.

Our instrumental music teachers are:

Mrs Judy Vale – Piano (Wednesday)

Mr Ben Berrell - Guitar and Piano (Monday and Friday)

Mr Gene Stevens – Drums (Friday)

Fees: Participation in the Instrumental Music Program is \$160 for a group lesson per term and \$280 for an individual lesson per term. Parents will be billed directly by the instrumental teacher at the start of each term. If students miss a lesson due to illness or holidays no makeup lesson is available, however if a lesson is being missed due to an excursion or teacher illness, a replacement lesson will be made available.



St Kieran's Vocal Ensembles

As the voice is our first and most personal instrument, singing is encouraged strongly at St Kieran's. Further to the Classroom Music program, there are opportunities for students to extend their singing technique and enjoyment through the avenues of Choir.

Ensembles: All students in our Choir Program participate in our Junior Choir (Year 1 & 2) or Young Voices Choir (Years 3 to 6). Rehearsals are during class time on a Wednesday Afternoon from 2.20pm to 3.00pm.

Performances: Our Choirs performs at special occasions such as school parish Masses, school fete, eisteddfods, Jubilate Deo, annual music night and school celebrations.

Fees: There is no cost to participate in this program, however students are required to purchase a music ensemble t-shirt at the cost of \$22 via Qkr and an A4 black display folder. Selected students representing St Kieran's at the annual Jubilate Deo concert will also require a gold Jubilate Deo t-shirt for an additional cost.

Commitment to the Instrumental Music & Band Program

Learning a musical instrument can be a rewarding experience, however, like learning any new skill, it requires dedication and persistence to excel.

Performances

Students are required to play at performances in and out of the school throughout the year and their attendance is important.

Practice

Regular practice is important. Beginning students should start with about 15 minutes a day. Parent should ensure a set routine of practice is established at the beginning of the year.

Expectations of Students

1. Attend all lessons, band rehearsals and performances on time.
2. Practice regularly.
3. Care of and maintenance of instrument.
4. Bring instrument, music, books and other accessories for instrument to lessons, band rehearsals and performances.
5. Assist with the setting up and packing up of band rehearsal and personal equipment.
6. Attend all performances inside and outside school time.

Expectations of Parents

1. Advise the music teacher of child's absence prior to lessons and rehearsals.
2. Encourage child to home practice.
3. Encourage child by attending performances in and out of school hours.
4. Ensure child has the necessary accessories to maintain and keep their instrument in good working order.

If your child would like to participate in the St Kieran's Music Program, please contact the school office at pbrighton@bne.catholic.edu.au for further information and enrolment details.

Year 4 Band Program 2020

Expression of Interest

Please complete and return this page to the school office or email to gmannel@bne.catholic.edu.au

Student Name: _____

Class (2019): _____

As part of the Beginner Band program, students can choose from the following options:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Bass Clarinet
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- French Horn
- Percussion

Please indicate in order of preference the instruments your child is interested in playing (please be aware that factors including suitability and a balanced band need to be considered when assigning instruments to a child and that it is not guaranteed that a child will be allocated their first choice of instrument).

Preference 1: _____

Preference 2: _____

Preference 3: _____

Previous music experience? _____

If yes, please list details: _____
