

Dear Parents,

Music education research for young school students is now well documented.

Learning music can help students' self-confidence, self-discipline and team work. Music helps students' progress in other important learning areas such as Maths and English. Indeed, countries with a strong focus on music education tend to have higher scores in literacy and numeracy. Engaging music programs and instrumental/voice lessons have been shown to help with attendance and can be particularly beneficial for students who are not achieving well in school. Studies in the past few years have shown that those students who had music lessons did far better in the NAPLAN than those who did not.

All of this evidence for music's extrinsic benefits makes a strong case for music education, but should not overshadow the sheer joy students experience making music, nor the value of the art form itself. Bands and choirs are great fun and social activities for the students.

Instrumental lessons for 2018 will begin in term one. If you are interested in your child taking on a musical instrument as part of their learning experience at Our Lady of Grace, please read and complete the form below. Lessons will occur during class time, but tutors will rotate the lesson times on that day, so that your child does not miss the same class time activity each week. Instrumental music lessons are held in the music tutoring rooms on the second level of the school, near the current Year Six classrooms.

Please return this slip to school by the end of term one or reply via email to Christina Goldie at the following email address. Please cc Mark Martino with the following email address.

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### **Parent Responsibility**

Parents would deal directly with the instrumental tutors in relation to lesson times, lesson payment and all lesson details. We would advise parents to be sure to keep tutors contact details and maintain good communication with them. Tutors will require that payments be made at the beginning of each term, ahead of the programme. It will be the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child is organised with their instrument on the day of their lesson. It is also the responsibility of the parents to contact the tutor as early as possible if their child is absent on the day of their lesson. These are ways to enable a smooth running of the instrumental programme.

We are very appreciative of our instrumental teachers at Our Lady of Grace as we continue to seek ways to expand our Arts culture.

**Instrumental Hire:** Musicorp is an instrumental hire company that offers very good deals for parents. Tutors are very helpful when choosing ways to provide an instrument for the students.

**Cost:** Tuition will cost \$33 per half hour session.

**Please complete the following if you are interested in instrumental music for your child.**

|   |                            |       |
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|   | Student and Parent Details |       |
| Student Name  |                            |       |
| Student Age in years  |                            |       |
| Class (eg. 4B)  |                            |       |
| Parent/Guardian Name  |                            |       |
| Parent/Guardian Contact (i)   | Phone                      | Email |
| Parent/Guardian Name (ii)   |                            |       |
| Parent/Guardian Contact (ii)  |                            |       |
| Parent/Guardian signature   |                            |       |
|   |                            |       |
| <b>PLEASE INDICATE WHICH INSTRUMENT YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING.</b> |                            |       |
| <b>Instrument</b>   |                            |       |
| Strings (From Year 2)<br><b>Violin</b>  |                            |       |
| Strings (From Year 2)<br><b>Viola</b>   |                            |       |
| Strings (From Year 2)<br><b>Cello</b>   |                            |       |
| <b>Percussion /Drums</b> (From Year 2)  |                            |       |
| <b>Flute</b> (From Year 2)  |                            |       |
| <b>Clarinet</b> (From Year 2)   |                            |       |
| <b>Trumpet</b> (From Year 2)  |                            |       |
| <b>Saxophone</b> (From Year 3)  |                            |       |
| <b>Trombone</b> (From Year 4)   |                            |       |
| <b>French Horn</b> (From Year 4)  |                            |       |
| <b>Guitar</b> (From Year 3)   |                            |       |
| <b>Piano</b> (From Year 3)  |                            |       |