



## Woodend Instrumental Music DfE

### There are vacancies in the BEGINNING BAND

In 2021 Woodend PS will have access to an Ensemble based Music Program. If your child is in year 4 or 5 (2020) they are eligible to join.

Testing will be happening for interested students on Monday morning, week 5 and 6 for interested students. If you have extra questions, feel free to email our IM teachers, Sue Asser or Tim Nott.

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Please include your child's name, year level, class and school

Your child has the opportunity to begin **FREE Instrumental Music Lessons**. There are vacancies for students who would like to learn - **Trombone, Tuba, Trumpet, French Horn, Flute, Saxophone or Clarinet**. The Demonstration and Selection sessions will enable students to make an informed decision about which instrument they would like to learn and also give Instrumental Teachers an opportunity to suggest instrument suitability.

Learning a musical instrument has many benefits. As well as specific musical skills students learn: **study habits** such as time management, problem solving and perseverance

**teamwork skills** including interdependence, peer mentoring and student leadership

**personal development skills** like self discipline, identity, confidence and resilience.

Music also elicits emotional responses and stimulates the brain in ways that are different to any other activity. Learning to play an instrument can have significant positive effects including:

- Stress reduction
- Fostering creativity
- Stimulating imagination and thinking skills
- Stimulating fine motor skills
- speaking and language development
- Focussing and aligning energy as a group



**When?** Lessons begin in week 3 of term 1, 2020. Students attend lessons for half an hour each week. Later in the year we will be forming the beginner band in preparation for performances for school and families.

**Where?** At Woodend PS, during school time.

### **What do I do?**

Discuss the idea of learning an instrument with your child. Include in the discussion these main points:

- A flexible attitude to instrument choice; to ensure a successful Hub Band Program it is vital that there is a balance of instruments, therefore numbers on each instrument will be capped and some students may be offered their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> preference.
- The need to practice each day.
- **Commitment for the whole year**- it takes a while to gain skills on an instrument so your commitment will help in the perseverance of your learning.
- How much fun it will be!

### **What is the cost?**

Lessons are free, BUT you will need to borrow, buy or hire an instrument – your school can help you with this. You will also need to buy a tutor book, and consumables such as reeds or valve oil.

- Your school can hire an IMS Instrument at a cost is \$180pa, or you can source your own instrument
- The tutor book is borrowed from the library

### **Your Commitment.**

Once your child has started it is expected that they will attend all lessons, **continue for the whole year**, and practice at home each day!

### **More Questions?**

If you have questions you are welcome to talk to a student musician from your school. We also are happy to answer email enquiries. We hope that the Instrumental Music Service can help your child make an informed choice about learning an instrument. The students we currently teach love the experience. Please feel free to contact me on my mobile or email.

Regards

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