

## TRAINING BAND PROGRAM

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

As the new Band Director at BPS, I am delighted to be able to offer you another exciting musical opportunity! The Concert Band, already well established, is for students learning woodwind, brass, percussion and bass guitar. Musicians can join this ensemble once they have mastered the basics of playing their instrument and reading music.

### So what's new?

The new **Training Band Program** is a low-cost introduction for students who are **total beginners**.

### How does it work?

- The **total weekly cost** to parents is only **\$20**.
- Students learn together in small groups (twos or threes) during school time. While discovering how to play increasingly beautiful sounds on their instruments, students also learn how to read music.
- Right from the outset, Training Band students play together as a band. Rehearsals are on Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:00.
- Students need to purchase a Band tutor book (available from school), at a one-off cost of approx. \$25.
- Instruments are available to hire from school (except for percussion and bass guitar).
- Band instruments include: Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Percussion and Bass Guitar.

### Will it be hard?

Learning to read music and play an instrument is not only a fantastic workout for our brains, it's also a great way to have fun. But practice is the key! We all find learning new things difficult at times. When we give it our best shot, it is amazing what we can achieve.

Students who join the Training Band Program are asked to make a commitment for at least two school terms. This includes regular attendance at weekly tutorials and band rehearsals as well as regular practice at home. Students who practice 4 or 5 times a week for 15-20 minutes always succeed!

### Ready to sign up?

Circle your preferences on the form below and return it to school by Tuesday 27 April.

### Not sure which instrument to choose?

Make a note in the comments section of the form that you would like some help making a decision and I will get in touch.

Kind regards,

Hazel Buchanan

## Training Band Expression of Interest Form

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: (home) \_\_\_\_\_

(mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

(email) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete as appropriate:

I have been learning \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ years

I am interested in learning (please circle your preferences 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Flute	1	2	3
Oboe	1	2	3
Clarinet	1	2	3
Saxophone	1	2	3
Trumpet	1	2	3
French Horn	1	2	3
Trombone	1	2	3
Bass Guitar	1	2	3
Percussion	1	2	3

I would / would not like to hire an instrument from school (not percussion or bass guitar)

Comments:

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Please return to the School Office by Tuesday 27 April