Dear Parent/Caregiver

Your child is invited to participate in the Instrumental Music Program at our school next year. Education Queensland schools provide free class instruction to all interested years 4, 5 & 6 students on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, bass guitar and percussion.

Instrumental Music lessons are held once a week for 30 minutes during regular school time and are open to students at all levels or proficiency, including the beginning level. These lessons are carried out in a group with other Instrumental Music students.

Participating in the Instrumental Music Program is fun and rewarding for students. As part of the Instrumental Music Program, students have the opportunity to participate in ensemble activities and performances. Students can continue their study of instrumental music at intermediate and high school levels and there may also be opportunities to participate in exciting area and state band camps and performances during the year.

Instruments are to be supplied by the students however there are a limited number of school instruments available on loan for the first year of instruction. Our local music stores on the Sunshine Coast offer excellent rental/purchase plans. While internet websites may offer very cheap deals on musical instruments it is not recommended unless you are sure of the brand/manufacturer of the instrument, and can obtain a warranty. Poor quality instruments can be more frustrating and costly in the long run than a more reliable brand. Please check with me if you are unsure.

Costs involved in learning an instrument are outlined as follows:

- Initial cost of the instrument (if purchasing own).
- School contribution fee: $50 (per year)
- Instrument Maintenance Fee, if using a school instrument: $50 (per year)
- Method Book “TRADITION of Excellence”: approx. $25.
- Music Camp (optional and subject to audition): approx. $210
- Continual costs such as reeds, drum sticks, valve oil etc.

**Please Note:** Money paid for participating in the Instrumental Music Program is to be paid at the start of instruction and is not refundable if the student decides to leave the program before the year is finished.

Student’s physical attributes pertaining to the instrument of their choice are taken into consideration as well as behaviour, ability to work independently and commitment to homework and extracurricular activities.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have concerning the school Instrumental Music Program and can be contacted via email.

Please complete the attached form and return to the office as soon as possible to register your interest.

Yours in Music

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Instrumental Music Program

Please return to the office a.s.a.p.

What instrument would you like to play? **Write 1 for your first choice 2 for your second choice and 3 for your 3rd choice.** Due to the high demand to loan school instruments, and the limited number available, students are encouraged to have at least 3 preferences for instruments they are interested in. In many situations students may be able to loan their second or third preference. The only way to guarantee you have lessons on the instrument of your choice is to have your own instrument.

- ☐ Flute
- ☐ Clarinet
- ☐ Saxophone (own required)
- ☐ Trumpet
- ☐ Trombone (own required)
- ☐ Bass Guitar (own required)
- ☐ Tuba
- ☐ Percussion

Please Note:

You will be expected to practice your instrument for at least 20 minutes, 5 times a week. Please consider this when applying.

**DO YOU HAVE THE TIME??**

Student's Name ___________________________________________ Class __________

Are you able to provide your own instrument to start lessons? Yes / No If yes, which? __________

Are you willing to hire or buy if a school instrument is not available? __________________________

Parent’s Signature ___________________________ Student’s Signature _______________ Date: __________

Contact email: _____________________________ Contact phone: _________________