

Year 5 Instrumental Music Programme

A.B. Paterson College has introduced a new instrumental initiative to enable children from the Year 4 Instrumental Programme to continue learning an instrument for an additional year, prior to committing to the cost of tuition if they decide to continue in Year 6 and beyond. In Year 4, all students learn an instrument as part of the Band programme, however the Year 5 programme is voluntary.

This initiative allows children to receive lessons for free with the following conditions:

- The lessons will be as a group
- The child/parent must supply their own instrument (purchase/ rent etc.)
- Lessons will be scheduled on a rotating timetable during class times as per Year 4
- The instrument must be one of the band instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums, violin, viola, cello) taught in the Year 4 programme
- Students must participate in a College ensemble when deemed appropriate by their instrumental tutor. This may be band or string ensemble.

This does not replace the option of a student seeking an individual lesson from an instrumental tutor, nor is it in addition to that lesson. This initiative is an alternative that students and parents may wish to consider.

Process.

Parents receive information and a permission form which must be completed and returned to the Performing Arts staff room in H2.

Instrumental tutors receive these forms and organise a timetable and groups, before contacting students and parents with these arrangements.

Lessons will logistically begin around Week 3.

Parents may wish to contact the relevant tutor and seek advice on renting or purchasing instruments, whether new or second-hand. There are many price and quality differences, so it is beneficial to seek advice before purchasing. The College and/or individual tutors may also be aware of others selling instruments. Sometimes College instruments may be available for hire, however preference for these will be given to the Year 4 programme in the first instance.

Instrumental Tutors

Alex Fletcher

Andrew Montfroy

Todd Byrnes

Martin Lass

Val Jones

Saxophone, Clarinet

Trumpet, Trombone etc.

Drums / Percussion

Violin, Viola, Cello

Bass Guitar, Flute

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