Mona Vale Public School Instrumental Program

Continuing a long tradition, students of MVPS are extremely fortunate to be able to participate in a number of bands under the enthusiastic direction of our conductors.

A dedicated and passionate Committee of parents runs a comprehensive band program, with 10 ensembles enabling students to participate at all primary levels as follows

- **Training Band** – the entry point for Year 3 students or students who have never played an instrument. This provides students with the opportunity to play in a band for the first time parallel with their tutored learning outside the school. Rehearsals are Monday 2:45pm - 4:00pm and Friday 7:20am - 8:45am.

- **Intermediate Band** - Students generally progress to the Intermediate Band after participating in the Training Band or have had a year’s experience on their chosen instrument. Rehearsals are Monday 7:20am - 8:45am and Wednesday 2:45pm - 4pm.

- **Concert Band** – The next progression is to the Concert Band which will be the starting point for OC students entering our school if they have previously been in their school band program for 2 years. Rehearsals are Wednesday 7:20am-8:45am and Thursday 2:45-4:00pm

- **Performance Band** – Our ultimate band, generally comprising students from Year 6 and our elite musicians. Rehearsals are Tuesday 2:45pm - 4:00pm and Thursday 7:20am – 8:45am.

- **Big Band** – This is our top audition based jazz band, rehearsals are Tuesday 4:10pm – 5:10pm.

- **Jazz Ensemble** – This is open to students in Year 5 and 6 who would like to play jazz and learn improvisation skills on any instrument. Rehearsals are Thursday 4:10pm - 5:10pm

- We also have 3 string ensembles of varying levels: Beginner Strings rehearse: Wednesday 2:45pm - 3:45pm, Intermediate Strings Wednesday 7:45am -8:45am and Senior Strings Friday 7:30am -8:30am

- **Orchestra** - IN 2016 we are proud to say we are starting an orchestra which all strings groups and audition based others will be involved in. Rehearsals will be Tuesday 7:20am - 8:45am

A strong level of commitment is required from students: they attend rehearsals twice per week at school and are expected to receive external tuition in their chosen instrument for at least ½ hour per week. They are also encouraged to practise their pieces at least 4 times per week outside of these rehearsals.

Band Fees for 2016 are:

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<th>Band/ Rehearsal Fees</th>
<th>$190 per Semester (2 semesters per year)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Instrument Hire</td>
<td>$125 per Semester (plus $50 deposit)</td>
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<td>String, Big Band and Jazz Ensemble</td>
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The rewards, however, are enormous. Participation in the Band Program provides excellent foundation skills in music as well as the opportunity to develop musical skills through live performances under the expert leadership of our inspirational and nurturing conductors.

Development of social skills is also a focus. Highlights of the year include the annual Band Camp, a residential camp that takes place in April each year, providing the students with an intensive two day course of music, combined with live performances as well as sporting activities. This event is supported by large number of parent volunteers who assist in the running of the weekend. It is not just the children that benefit from the band program.

Please contact monavaleband@gmail.com.au for further details.

Please return this slip to Mrs Shaw or the school office if your child would like to be considered for our Band Program in 2016:

Student Name: ____________________________________________

Instrument Played:________________________________________

Basic Information: (For Example, years played, grades completed, previous band experience)

Parent Name:_____________________________________________

Parent Email and Best Contact Number:________________________