



# ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## EOI for School Instrument Hire 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Have you considered giving your child the opportunity to play a musical instrument? The Ashtonfield PS band is reforming for the 2022 school year. Playing in the band is great fun and allows your child to gain confidence through music. APS has many school instruments available for hire. We are now taking expressions of interests from students and parents to begin distributing out these instruments. Please note that the school will be following NSW Health advice regarding changes to COVID-19 restrictions.

Please read below further information regarding the expectations of being in the school band and requirements to hire a school instrument.

### **INSTRUMENT HIRE (Advice only – not payable at this stage)**

Ashtonfield Public School hires flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets and trombones to students. The cost of hiring an instrument is \$100 per year. This covers any breakages or damage that requires repairing. In 2022, we have the following instruments available. Please discuss and consider which you think would be best suit your child.

4 Flutes  
1 Tenor Saxophone

7 Clarinets  
8 Trumpets

5 Alto Saxophones  
1 Trombone

### **REHEARSALS**

Occur during Lunch 2 on Tuesday afternoons.

### **BAND FEES (Advice only – not payable at this stage)**

A one-off annual fee of \$50, payable to the office in 2022 in addition to the hire fee. This fee will cover your child's music for band and additional resources.

### **BEGINNER TUITION**

In 2022, there are no at school music teachers. It will be expected that all members of the band are participating in private music tuition to learn how to play their instrument. Band rehearsals are simply that, a time for the band to rehearse together. There will be limited support available in band rehearsals for the band conductor to support your child in how to play their instrument.

### **HOME PRACTISE**

This is a critical element in gaining confidence when playing an instrument. Copies of the music will be sent home and it will be an expectation that students practise and prepare for weekly band rehearsals. Students may take their band music to private tuition for support.

Please return the expression of interest **by Tuesday, 29 March 2022**. This form does not guarantee an instrument or your child's first preference for an instrument. It is an expression of interest only for consideration. All EOIs will be collected and then instruments will be allocated after the final date. A note will be sent home for parental/carer consent, before any instruments are given to students.

If you have any concerns, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Gilchrist  
Teacher

Melissa Scully  
Principal

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – BAND PROGRAM**  
Please return to the school office by Tuesday, 29 March 2022

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in the band program.

My child is interested to play (please list **1 = most desired** to **6 = least desired**).

4 Flutes		7 Clarinets		5 Alto Saxophones	
1 Tenor Saxophone		8 Trumpets		1 Trombone	

\*Please note the above number of available instruments

I understand and accept all the above requirements.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE DO NOT PAY ANY MONEY AT THIS STAGE –  
THIS IS AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY.**