



Nedlands Primary School

EXPERIENCE THE OPPORTUNITIES

NEDLANDS INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Instrumental Lessons For: 2018

[for students in Year FOUR in 2017]

Dear Parents.

The testing and selection process for Year 2, 3 & 4 students who will be offered the opportunity to learn an instrument at the commencement of **2018**, will be completed by the end of week two of Term Four. Any student who may not have been present when the testing was done during the Classroom Music lessons, will be tested individually.



Through the support of the Instrumental Music School Services [IMSS], we are one of the few schools that are able to offer students the opportunity to learn a Woodwind, Brass or Percussion instrument and Double Bass in **Year 5** rather than **waiting until Year 6**.

The number and variety of instruments offered by our school is very extensive as follows:

ORCHESTRA:

Violin [commencing Year 3] Cello [commencing Year 4] Double Bass [commencing Year 5]

CONCERT BAND: [All commencing in Year 5]

Trombone / Flute / Clarinet / Trumpet / Percussion. [**Private** Sax lessons are also offered]

The following criteria is used to select students:

o **Music Aptitude Test** [as directed by SIM]

[TESTING WILL TAKE PLACE BY THE END WEEK TWO OF TERM 4]

o **Attitude to music** in general as displayed in weekly **Classroom Music Program** and in **Junior Choir**.

o **Feedback/Interviews** with present and past teachers in regard to **academic level/ability in math** and **general attitude**. This will also include reference to past school reports etc.

♪ **Most places** will be offered by the end of week 8 of Term 4.

♪ However, a **limited number of places will not be finalised** until the end of week ONE of 2018 to allow for any new students who may be eligible.

♪ If parents have any questions regarding the Instrumental Program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Geoff Jones.

Deputy Principal
Instrumental Program Coordinator/Conductor
11th October, 2017





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NEDLANDS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2018

Orchestra [strings]

Year 3-Violin

Year 4-Cello

Double Bass-Year 5

Concert Band [Year 5]

Trombone, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Percussion & Saxophone

[Sax lessons are run privately and involve a weekly tuition fee of approx. \$10 to \$15]

The following information outlines the Nedlands Instrumental Program in more detail and highlights some of the school's expectations for students and parents.

🎵 The school and school community have always enthusiastically supported the Instrumental Program. The program offered at Nedlands is very unique by nature of the number of instrumental places on offer [the largest in WA] and the high expectations and standard that is achieved by the students.

🎵 Instrumental Music School Services [IMSS] through the Education Department, has supported the continuing development of our school's Instrumental Program. In the past few years the addition of Clarinet, Percussion and additional Brass classes have seen our program flourish. These additional classes have assisted in the development of an extensive Concert Band Program to compliment the wonderful String Orchestra that has been established at Nedlands for many years ago.

🎵 **A condition paramount to participation in this program**, is that students who commence lessons are *committed* to continue on their instrument for the years they are Nedlands Primary. This commitment includes the development of a **regular practice routine** and **punctuality** at all lessons and rehearsals. Students and parents should view this opportunity as **one that extends to at least Year 10**. The program conducted at our school provides a **solid grounding** for young musicians and this opens the opportunity for them to experience many enjoyable years as a musician beyond Year 6.

🎵 The program is seen as an invaluable opportunity for a child to learn an instrument that they can continue to study throughout their secondary education. The **academic** and **social** benefits for children involved in playing music together [i.e. Bands, ensembles, etc.] are invaluable in the development of young people.

🎵 Children with busy sporting or other *out-of-school commitments* and students who are already learning an instrument **privately**, will need to carefully consider learning an instrument through the school's instrument program. **A minimum practice routine of 30 minutes practice 5 days per week will be expected by the end of the first year.** However, it is often the 'busy' children that can cope with these additional activities as they are motivated and organised and receive the support of their parents. Parents need to discuss this matter with their child.

Selection of Students

- ▶ The selection criteria and process is attached to this note.
- ▶ By the end of week two of term four, all Year 2, 3 & 4 students will be given a **Music Aptitude Test** provided by the Instrumental Music School Services. Information will also be collated through examining **past school reports** and **interviewing past and present teachers.**
- ▶ The final selection will be done in **consultation with the Instrumental Teachers** attached to the school. This process will take place in weeks 5 and 6.
- ▶ It is anticipated that most students will know by week 8 of term 4 if they have been offered the opportunity to learn an instrument. However, not all students will be offered a position as some places will be kept open [not confirmed until the beginning of 2018] to allow for any new enrolments that may occur at the beginning of 2018.

PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS **MUST ACHIEVE AN A OR B GRADING** IN THE **MUSIC APTITUDE TEST** TO QUALIFY FOR A POSITION.

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Purchase/Hire of an Instrument

► Parents may wish to purchase an instrument before their child commences lessons. Parents should contact myself **if they make this decision** so that guidance can be given in regard to brands and quality of instruments that would be suitable.

► **However**, it is recommended that students **hire an instrument** for the first year of tuition.

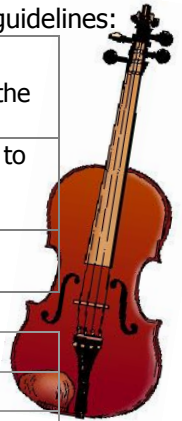
The hire **fee is \$110 for the year** which covers hire and maintenance. The table below indicates which instruments are available for hire.

► **Violins:** Due to the problems that may arise when students commence lessons on a reduced sized instrument and then progress to the next size, it is **strongly recommended** that a violin is hired for at least the first few years. Our school has purchased a large number of violins that are available for hire. This means that students can continue to hire a 1/2 or 3/4 sized instrument until they need to purchase a full sized instrument or wish to purchase their own 3/4 size. The annual **hire fee is \$80 for the year**

► The **school also charges** all instrumental students an **annual fee of \$50** which is needed to support the extensive program run by the school. This fee goes directly towards supporting your child's music endeavours at our school.

► Parents are required to **commit to the purchase** of an instrument according to the following guidelines:

<i>Flute, Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet & Saxophone</i>	A hired instrument can be supplied for the first year of tuition, with parents required to purchase an instrument for their child for the commencement of the second year.
<i>Cello</i>	A hired instrument is available for the first two years , with parents required to purchase an instrument for their child after this time. <i>** Information for Violin [see above]</i>
<i>Double Bass, Baritone & Euphonium</i>	A hired instrument will be supplied in <u>Government Primary or Secondary schools</u> until the END OF YEAR 12.



Entry Ages to Instrument Music Program

<i>Violin</i>	Commencement in Year 3 [intake quota – 2 x classes of 4 students]
<i>Cello</i>	Commencement in Year 4 [intake quota – 1 x class of 3 students]
<i>Flute</i>	Commencement in Year 5 [intake quota – 1 x class of 5 students]
<i>Brass</i>	Commencement in Year 5 [intake - 5 trumpets + 5 low brass/ Trombone/Baritone]
<i>Clarinet</i>	Commencement in Year 5 [intake quota – 2 x classes of 5 students]
<i>Double Bass</i>	Commencement in Year 5 [intake quota – 1 x class of 2 students]
<i>Percussion</i>	Commencement in Year 5 [intake quota – 1 x class of 3 students]
<i>Saxophone</i>	Commencement in Year 5 [intake quota – 1 x class of 4 students] - PRIVATE LESSONS ORGANISED BY THE SCHOOL – weekly fee involved.

Tuition

* Tuition is provided at no cost [except Saxophone] until the end of year 12 at all government schools.

* Weekly lessons are conducted in small groups for 30 minutes generally within school hours.

Additional Conditions

♪ It needs to be understood, that if a student accepts a place for tuition on an instrument **through the school**, they are not eligible for a further place in later years should they wish to change instruments. Therefore, students accepting a place for violin or cello must make careful consideration as the opportunity to change to another instrument in later years in the primary program would be difficult. However, should a student audition for the violin program, as an example, in Year 3 but not be accepted, then this does not preclude them for trying again in later years for other instruments.

N.B. Parents of children accepted into the **Instrumental Music Program** must see this as a **priority above opportunities offered through the PEAC Program**. Instrumental Music is seen as an opportunity for gifted and talented children in the area of music and therefore when choosing PEAC courses parents **must ensure** that attendance [at a PEAC course] **does not conflict** with the student's attendance at **instrumental lessons** and ensemble **rehearsals/performances**.

Information Evening

An Information Evening will be held at the beginning of 2018 [to be advised] for parents of those students selected. It is important that **each student is represented by an adult at this meeting** as the program will be explained in more detail. There will also be an extended opportunity for questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Instrumental Program and your child's **possible** involvement.

Geoff Jones

Deputy Principal/Instrumental Program Coordinator

11th October, 2017



Expression Of Interest For VIOLIN for 2018

For students currently in Year 2 [2017]

[please tick the relevant box

My child is keen to be **CONSIDERED** for selection in the String Instrumental Program for **VIOLIN** in **Year 3 in 2018**.

My child wishes to **wait** so that he/she can be **CONSIDERED** for selection in the **Instrumental Programs offered in:**

- **Year 4** [Cello]
- **Year 5** [Trumpet, Trombone/Baritone, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Double Bass and Percussion]

child will not be able to participate in the Instrumental program.

N.B. The lessons offered are for beginners so it is not appropriate for a child to be accepted into the program if they have already had prior tuition.

Please complete these details:

Student's Name Room No.

Parent Name[s]

Parent Signature Phone No

Comments

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The decision to learn an instrument requires **enthusiastic parental support**.

ALL

YEAR 2 STUDENTS NEED TO RETURN THIS FORM TO THEIR CLASS TEACHER TO CONFIRM THAT EVERY PARENT HAS RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION.

Please return this form to the class teacher:

ASAP - no later than FRIDAY 27th October

Expression Of Interest For CELLO for 2018 For students currently in Year 3 [2017]

[please tick the relevant box

My child is keen to be **CONSIDERED for** selection in the String Instrumental Program for **CELLO** in **Year 4** in 2018.

My child wishes to **wait** so that he/she can be to **be CONSIDERED for** selection in the **Instrumental Programs offered in Year 5** [ie: Trumpet, Trombone/Baritone, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Double Bass and Percussion]

My child will not be able to participate in the Instrumental program.

Please complete these details:

Student's Name Room No.

Parent Name[s]

Parent Signature Phone No

Comments

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The decision to learn an instrument requires **enthusiastic parental support**.

ALL YEAR 3 STUDENTS [except violin/viola students]
**STUDENTS NEED TO RETURN THIS FORM TO THEIR CLASS TEACHER TO
CONFIRM THAT EVERY PARENT HAS RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION.**

Please return this form to the class teacher:

**ASAP - no later than
FRIDAY 27th October**

Expression Of Interest For 2018

For students currently in Year 4 [2017]

[please tick the relevant box]

My child is keen to be **CONSIDERED** for selection in the Year 5 **Instrumental Program** for 2018.

INSTRUMENTS ON OFFER IN YEAR 5

Trumpet, Trombone/Baritone, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Double Bass and Percussion

[Saxophone lessons are run privately and involve a weekly tuition fee of approx. \$10 - \$15]

My child will not be able to participate in the Instrumental program.

Please complete these details:

Student's Name Room No.

Parent Name[s]

Parent Signature Phone No

INSTRUMENT PREFERENCE FOR YEAR 5

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♫ *Most* students at this age do not have a clear idea of which instrument they would like to learn. The preferences listed by your child are only used as a 'rough' indication of student interest. Students will be allocated instruments on the basis of suitability as determined by the Instrumental Teachers and the rankings achieved through the Selection Criteria outlined.

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The decision to learn an instrument requires **enthusiastic parental support**.

An **instrument 'Information' session** will be presented to all the year 4 students in **week FOUR of term four**.

This session will feature demonstrations by some of our year 6 students and included a **question & answer opportunity** for the children.

ALL YEAR FOUR STUDENTS [except violin/cello students]
STUDENTS NEED TO RETURN THIS FORM TO THEIR CLASS TEACHER TO CONFIRM THAT EVERY PARENT HAS RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION.

**ASAP - no later than
FRIDAY 27th October**