



WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Winmalee Band Members and future Music Ensemble Members,

Welcome to the Winmalee High School extra-curricular music programs for 2023. It has been well documented that the study of music has enormous benefits on all areas of academic success. We look forward to welcoming new students and returning students into this year's programs and assisting in their ongoing musical development. The aim for 2023 is to have all ensembles perform at a variety of events throughout the year both at school and within the community.

It is our philosophy at Winmalee HS that music is a long-term activity. Although we encourage fun and enjoyment in the music programs, it is important that students realise that success and fun comes from regular practice, hard work, and perseverance. **This is why we expect that students who sign up for the extra-curricular music program commit for the full year.**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC STRUCTURE

1. **JUNIOR CONCERT BAND** – This is where students begin their musical journey. Both instrumental skills and music reading skills are taught and developed. *(Students are required to attend a weekly band rehearsal and tutorial. These are held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings starting promptly at 7.40am)*
2. **SENIOR CONCERT BAND** - Once students have learnt sufficient instrumental and music reading skills in the Junior Concert Band, they move into the Senior Concert Band. This band is also for students who come to Winmalee High School with instrumental skills in Year 7. The Senior Concert Band works on developing skills beyond an elementary level through to an advanced level. *(Students are required to attend a weekly band rehearsal and tutorial. These are held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings starting promptly at 7.40am)*
3. **JAZZ BAND** - This ensemble is aimed at those students who would like to extend their ability and experience a contrast in musical styles to that of the Concert Bands. Membership is by invitation only. (Thursday afternoons 3 – 4) No additional cost if you are in the school's concert band.
4. **VOCAL GROUP** - There are two Vocal Groups. The larger of the two is an all-inclusive ensemble open to all students. The smaller vocal ensemble is a select group of students who can join by invitation only. (Monday afternoons from 3pm)
5. **GUITAR ENSEMBLE** - This ensemble caters for guitarists at a range of playing levels from beginner to advanced. (Monday mornings starting promptly at 7.30am)
6. **STRING ENSEMBLE** - This ensemble caters for our Violinists, Cellists and Double Bassists. They rehearse on Tuesday at lunchtime. This group is led by Mr Cranby.

SECTIONALS

We are very fortunate to have all our sectionals taught by professionals in the music industry. As a result, our tutors teach explicit skills and techniques in their chosen instrumental field. Students will be expected to complete regular practice in their own time to further enhance their musical development.

FEES

The payment of fees is vital to the success of the Band/Instrumental Program. Therefore, payment of all fees is extremely important. Every dollar of tutor/ instrumental fees paid is invested into the music programs. Without the fees system, tutors could not be employed and resources such as larger band equipment, sheet music, music stands, etc would be very limited. Quality tutors and adequate resources are integral to the long-term success of the Instrumental Program at Winmalee High School.

The instrumental fees can be paid by the term, in full or by regular payments. If there are any financial difficulties, please do not let this deter you from joining or continuing with one of our instrumental programs, instead you are encouraged to contact Mr McGown to discuss alternative payment methods.

Ensemble

	Yearly Rate
Band	\$460 (\$115.00 per term)
Year 12 Students	\$390 (per year)
Jazz Band	\$220 (This fee does not apply if you already participate in concert band)
Vocal	\$50 (per year)
Guitar	\$360 (\$90 per term)
Strings	\$50 (per year)

OTHER EXPENSES

INSTRUMENT HIRE

Some students may wish to hire school owned instruments from the music department. The cost of hiring a school instrument is \$30 per term. Available instruments are limited and preference is given to students starting in the band program. If you wish to hire a school owned instrument you will need to see Mrs Fox for a hire agreement form and more details.

INSTRUMENT PURCHASE

If you wish to purchase an instrument, 18 month interest free purchase plans are available from some reputable music stores such as Engadine Music (Engadine) and Sax and Woodwind (Camperdown). Often we can get further discounts through the school. If you are interested in this offer please come and speak to either Mr McGown or Mrs Fox in the Music Staffroom.

PRIVATE TUITION

We are very fortunate to be able to offer private instrumental tuition during the school day. We have professional tutors of the highest calibre teaching our instrumental lessons. Through our experience, we know that students who receive private music lessons progress more quickly and get more enjoyment from the school's music program. Our lesson prices are very competitive and are often much lower, over the whole year, than other music schools and private tutors in the local area. Currently we have lessons in all woodwind and brass instruments. (Please fill out the separate Private Instrumental Lessons form if you wish to take up this opportunity)

Yours sincerely,




V Facas (Principal)

C. McGown (Head Teacher CAPA)



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2023 Extra Curricular Music Programs

Name: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____

I am interested in joining / participating in the following:

- A Concert Band (Two out of either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday Mornings 7.40am)
- Vocal Group (Monday after school, 3.00pm – 3.45pm)
- Guitar Ensemble (Monday Mornings, 7.30am)
- String Ensemble (Tuesday Lunch time)

INSTRUMENT YOU WISH TO PLAY: (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Percussion /Drums, Violin etc)

(Please circle the appropriate sections below)

- I wish to hire an instrument from the school at the cost of \$30 per term.

Instrument: _____ (please see music staff for a hire agreement form)

- I have, or will source my own instrument that I will use for the band program.

Instrument: _____

- I understand that joining any of the music programs is a year long commitment, including all rehearsals, sectionals and performances. If circumstances change and a student wishes to withdraw from the program they must give a month's notice, in writing, and full payment for that term must be received.
- I acknowledge that this event/activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures. I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event. I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness, and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.

Parent / Caregiver Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

- I commit to paying the fees associated with each of the ensembles for the duration of 2023.

Parent / Caregiver signature: _____