



SUNSHINE BEACH STATE SCHOOL  
Instrumental Music Program 2023

**OVERVIEW:**

The Education Queensland Instrumental Music Program offers students the opportunity to learn a string instrument from Year 3 or a brass/woodwind/percussion instrument from Year 4. For further information on instruments offered, starting ages and instrument loans, please refer to the tables on page 2 of this document.

**COMMITMENT:**

Students who enrol in the Instrumental Music Program are expected to commit to the program for a minimum of one year. Students receive a weekly lesson of 30 minutes duration during class time and, as the year progresses, will also be invited to join one of the school ensembles, which rehearse before school. *Weekly attendance at both lessons and ensemble, alongside completing home practice tasks are all key components of the Instrumental Music Curriculum and this time commitment should be considered carefully when applying for a place in the program.*

**RECRUITMENT PROCESS:**

To ensure that students selected for the program have the greatest chance of success, there are a number of steps involved in the recruitment process.

- Selmer Aptitude Test
- Consultation with Performing Arts teachers
- Checklist from Class teachers, including academic ability, co-operation, reliability, ability to work independently and family support.
- Assessment of physical suitability by Instrumental Music Teachers

An important part of the recruitment and assessment process is matching students to the instrument that they are best suited to. A number of factors are taken into account, including their physical attributes and results on aptitude tests. Students may not be allocated an instrument that they expect to play, however the assessment process is all about finding the instrument that each child is most suited to and has the greatest chance of success on.

**FEES:**

There is a Student Resource Scheme payment for all students enrolled in the Instrumental Music Program. This payment goes towards the cost of photocopying, new music and maintenance and repair of school instruments.

The payment is \$40 contribution per year for students with their own instrument and \$80 per year for students who are using a school owned instrument. A tutor book will be required to be purchased by all students, these cost approximately \$25 - \$35 and all students are also required to provide consumable items (reeds/cork grease/valve oil/strings/rosin) as applicable to their instrument. Information regarding required consumables will be sent home once the recruitment process has been completed and instrument offers for 2023 finalised.

Below is an overview of instruments offered, Year levels and additional information. There are also links to videos demonstrating each instrument and providing key information, to assist in the process of determining instrument preferences.



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Woodwind, Brass, Percussion – Luke Coonan [lxcoo3@eq.edu.au](mailto:lxcoo3@eq.edu.au)

This is an amazing, personally rewarding opportunity, but it is also one that demands dedication, commitment and hard work. **If you would like your child to be considered for the Instrumental Music Program, there is an online nomination form that can be found at <https://forms.office.com/r/xFBrw4DGm5> (if you encounter any issues with accessing the survey, please try using Google Chrome)**

C. Gilmore

Cath Gilmore

Strings Teacher

Luke Coonan

Concert Band Teacher

Alison Welch

Principal



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**Strings – students in Year 3-6**

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Loan Period</b>	<b>Video Demonstration/Additional Information</b>
Violin	1 year	<a href="https://vimeo.com/136824666">https://vimeo.com/136824666</a>
Viola	1 year	<a href="https://vimeo.com/136824667">https://vimeo.com/136824667</a>
Cello	2 years	<a href="https://vimeo.com/136824600">https://vimeo.com/136824600</a>
Double Bass	2 years	<a href="https://vimeo.com/136823507">https://vimeo.com/136823507</a>

**Brass, Woodwind and Percussion - students in Year 4-6**

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Loan Period</b>	<b>Video Demonstration/Additional Information</b>
Flute	1 year	<a href="https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/flute">https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/flute</a>
Clarinet	1 year	<a href="https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/clarinet">https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/clarinet</a>
Alto Saxophone	1 year	<a href="https://vimeo.com/81819609">https://vimeo.com/81819609</a>
Tenor Saxophone	Up to 3 years	<a href="https://vimeo.com/81819609">https://vimeo.com/81819609</a>
Trumpet	1 year	<a href="https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/trumpet">https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/trumpet</a>
French Horn	Up to 3 years	<a href="https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/french-horn">https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/french-horn</a>
Trombone	1 year	<a href="https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/trombone">https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/trombone</a>
Euphonium	Up to 3 years	<a href="https://vimeo.com/81813286">https://vimeo.com/81813286</a>
Tuba	Up to 3 years	<a href="https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/tuba">https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/tuba</a>
Percussion	1 year	<a href="https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/xylophone">https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/xylophone</a> <a href="https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/snare-drum">https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments/snare-drum</a> Includes study of snare drum, bass drum, mallet percussion and auxillary percussion. Drum kit is one very small component of study, usually reached in high school.