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Instrumental Music Program 2026

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. From this year, students are able to participate in the strings program or the concert band program, not both.

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 rehearses 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

A key part of our recruitment and assessment process is matching students with the instruments best suited to them. We consider several factors, including physical attributes and aptitude test results. While students may not always be assigned the instrument they expect, our goal is to find the instrument that each child is most likely to excel at and enjoy playing.

FEES

There is a Student Resource Scheme payment for all students enrolled in the Instrumental Music Program which 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. All students will need to purchase a tutor book, which costs around $25 to $35. Additionally, students must provide consumable items specific to their instruments, such as reeds, cork grease, valve oil, strings, or rosin. Details about the required consumables will be sent home after the recruitment process is complete and instrument offers for 2026 have been finalised.

INSTRUMENTS OFFERED

Strings:	violin, viola, cello, double bass
Woodwind:	flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone
Brass:	trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba
Percussion:	includes study of snare drum, bass drum, mallet percussion and auxiliary percussion. Drum kit is one very small component of study, usually reached in high school.

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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/LWZRC44DP1 or by scanning the QR code below.

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