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Instrumental String Program – Recruitment for 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Year 2-5 students are currently being invited to apply for a place in the Instrumental String Program for 2021. Students interested may be offered a place in the program on one of the following instruments:



The **violin** is the highest sounding instrument of the string family and is held under the chin. It often plays the melody in ensemble work.

The **viola** has a deeper and more mellow sound and is just a little bigger than the violin. It is also held under the chin.

The **cello** has a deep voice and is much larger than the violin. It sits on the floor to be played.

The **Double Bass** is the largest instrument in the string family and has a very deep voice. It requires a large car and parental support to transport it, as it is very heavy. Students will also need to have very strong hands and fingers to play this instrument.

Music is an enjoyable and social activity, and gives children a skill for life. Learning an instrument also teaches listening skills, personal organisation, focus and self-discipline that are carried over into other school work.

Due to high demand of our Instrumental Program, it is important that children are tested and selected according to various criteria – musical aptitude, classroom behaviour and work ethic as well as physical characteristics pertinent to a particular instrument.

Costs involved

All students are required to pay an instrumental music levy of \$50. This is used to cover photocopying of ensemble music, purchasing of new repertoire and other equipment.

Instrumental Purchase or Hire

The school has a number of instruments that will be available for use by students. These can be hired for the duration of the year for \$90. Hiring an instrument includes accessories such as the bow, rosin, shoulder rest and method book.

Parents wishing to purchase their own instrument do not need to pay the hire fee, but will need to make sure that all accessories including rosin, method book, shoulder rest (for violin or viola) and cello stop (for cello only) are included.

Please complete and return the Expression of Interest slip below, and return it to the school office by 24 October to allow testing to begin.

Rebecca Stephenson
Instrumental string teacher

Clinton Curran
Principal



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Return to the school office by 24 October 2020
Attention: Rebecca Stephenson - Instrumental Music

Expression of Interest

Student name: _____ **Current Class:** _____

- I support my child being considered for Instrumental String lessons in 2021 and would be interested in learning (type of instrument) _____
- I wish to be considered for hiring an instrument if one is available.
- I would be able to supply an instrument for my child to play.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ **Date:** _____