



# Concert Band

Welcome to the Tumut Public School Band Program!  
You will find everything you need to know in this  
booklet.

## **Background of Tumut Public School Band**

In 2015, Tumut Public School applied for, and was successful in receiving, an Instrumental Starter Kit for an annual fee to begin a Concert Band. This included 30 instruments, music stands and beginner band music. The kit remains at the school for 2 years. It is hoped that after this time we will be able to continue the concert band program at Tumut Public School.

The Tumut Public School Concert Band will perform at school functions as well as community functions and events. The Concert Band rehearses weekly on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am. Students are to arrive promptly and will remain to pack away instruments, stands and chairs at 8:45am. Parents will be rostered on for rehearsals to assist with setting up and packing up.

Students may join the band from Year 3. Students in Year 2 will be considered. Parents are required to make an appointment with the Principal and Band Director. There are instruments available for hire from the school or you may purchase an instrument for your child to play. Children should receive tuition on their instrument to help them to progress faster and get the most out of the band program.

### **Why Learn an Instrument?**

1. Research has shown that playing a musical instrument stimulates the brain and can increase your memory.
2. Assists in the development of perseverance, resilience, team work, discipline and commitment.
3. It's enjoyable!

### **How do I Involve My Child?**

1. Complete the Band Enrolment Form, informing us of your child's experience. This form also contains a contract, committing your child to play for the 'season' – 4 school terms. (Please understand how important this commitment is – a team only works when everyone participates).
2. Complete the Instrument Hire Agreement if you are planning to hire an instrument. If you are hiring an instrument you also need to organise insurance (check your contents insurance, you may be able to add it to your

policy). A photocopy of the insurance policy needs to be attached to the Agreement.

3. All students in band **must** receive instrument tuition. You will find a list of possible tutors later in this booklet. This is not an exhaustive list and it is your responsibility to ensure your child receives appropriate lessons. Lessons usually cost somewhere between \$15-\$35 per half hour lesson.

4. Ensure that your child arrives promptly at band each week with their instrument, spare reeds (at least two for reed instruments) and book. The only time children will miss band is if they are participating in a school activity or if they are away due to illness.

5. Support your child at home to practise their skills. Encourage them to play for you – your interest will help to keep them interested.

6. Your name will be put on the parent roster. We need a parent at each band rehearsal – this means that twice a year your name will be on the roster. You will help set up and pack away chairs, help set up and pack away stands, assist students to put their instruments together, assist them to pack them away at the end of band and help to supervise students. You will assist the conductor when needed. No musical experience is necessary, you will be there to help band run smoothly, so that the conductor can focus on making the band sound great!

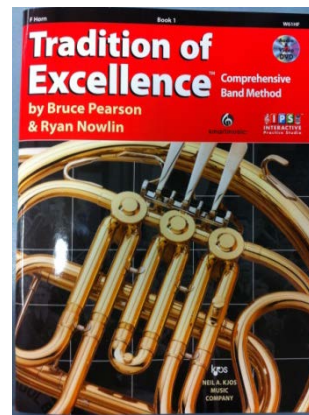
7. A band committee will be formed. A parent of each student is required to attend meetings and be an active member of the Tumut Public School Concert Band. Band committee meetings will be held twice a term.



## Fees

Students who own their own instrument will need to pay the band fee of \$20 per term. This is due by the end of Week 2 each term. They will also need to purchase a copy of the band book which includes instructional DVD and backing CD for practising.

Students who are hiring instruments will pay \$220 per year (or \$55 per term). This can be paid at the beginning of the year as a lump sum or by the end of Week 2 each term. If your child withdraws from the program, you will still be liable for this fee until the end of the agreement, unless another student is available to hire the instrument. This fee includes the band fee (\$20), instrument hire fee (\$120), band book (\$20) and service fee (\$60). They will also need to purchase a copy of the band book which includes instructional DVD and backing CD for practising.



\$20  
Order and pay with Band  
Enrolment Form

## Band Uniform

When the concert band performs they will need to wear the band uniform. This consists of:

Girls – *White blouse, black skirt, white socks, black school shoes*

Boys – *White collared, button-up shirt, black slacks, grey socks, black school shoes*

## Instrument Hire

Tumut Public School has the following instruments available to hire:

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| <i>Clarinet</i>      | <i>Alto Saxophone</i>  | <i>Glockenspiel</i> |
| <i>Flute</i>         | <i>Tenor Saxophone</i> | <i>Snare Drum</i>   |
| <i>Trumpet</i>       | <i>Euphonium</i>       | <i>Bass Drum</i>    |
| <i>Bass Clarinet</i> | <i>Trombone</i>        | <i>Cymbals</i>      |
| <i>French Horn</i>   | <i>Tuba</i>            |                     |

Please indicate your child's preferences on the Hire Agreement Form. Whilst every effort will be made to supply your child with one of their preferences, please understand that we have only a limited number of each instrument. If your child is unable to have their instrument of choice, they will be invited to try another band instrument.

If you accept the hire of an instrument, the following conditions apply:

1. The student must be the SOLE user of the instrument.
2. Instruments should be stored safely in their protective cases. Please do not leave instruments where they may become wet or where they will be exposed to extreme temperatures.
3. Instruments MUST be insured by you whilst in your care. Costs associated with repairs are the responsibility of the hirer.
4. If an instrument is lost, stolen or damaged, the Band Coordinator or School Office should be contacted immediately.
5. Hirers are not to organise repairs – this will be organised through the school.
6. A bag tag should be attached to the instrument with the child's name and class. This should be easily removed at the end of the contract period. Cases are not to be marked or have sticky labels attached.



## Tuition

Parents are responsible for organising instrument tuition for their child. When students receive regular tuition, they will progress faster, develop good habits and enjoy band more. There are a number of options available. These include:

1. Small group lessons at school. Ramos Music provides lessons to students during school hours. Lessons run for 8 weeks a term and are for half an hour. Ramos Music can be contacted by calling 0490024844 or by emailing [ramosmusic tuition@gmail.com](mailto:ramosmusic tuition@gmail.com). You can also go to their Facebook page to see what specials they have on tuition.
2. Riverina Conservatorium of Music, Wagga. Lessons can be private or shared. For more information you can contact (02) 6925 3522 or go to their website [rivconmusic.org.au](http://rivconmusic.org.au)
3. Wagga Wagga Music School. Lessons can be private or shared. For more information contact (02) 6971 0537 or go to their Facebook page.
4. Karen Kelly, Music Teacher, Gundagai, available for private lessons, can teach flute, trumpet, trombone, xylophone/glockenspiel. Contact Karen on 0402 730 577.
5. Nick Tong, Teacher, can teach trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium and tuba. Contact him on 0405 766 534.
6. Jessica Larter, High School Student, can teach saxophone and clarinet. Contact her on 6947 4120
7. Claire Reeves, Student, can teach flute. Contact her on 0458 300 358.
8. Kayley Symons, High School Student, can teach flute. Contact her on 0418868047.
9. Liam Dobbie, High School Student, can teach saxophone. Contact him on 0417 046 006.
10. Clara Dobbie, High School Student, can teach clarinet. Contact her on 0417 046 006.
11. Emily Post, High School Student, can teach percussion (drums, cymbals) and glockenspiel/xylophone.
12. Mikayla Oakes, High School Student, can teach percussion (drums, cymbals) and glockenspiel/xylophone. Contact her on 6947 2362.
13. Carly Stuckey, High School Student, can teach percussion (drums, cymbals). Contact her on 6947 4467.

Please be aware that the high school students' contact details are their home phone numbers or parents' mobile numbers.

The Tumut & District Concert Band will also be running beginners sessions for the first half hour of band practice each Tuesday evening, when the band will be playing music to suit beginner players and the more experienced players will be helping them to read the music, learn the fingering and play along. This is another opportunity to assist your child to progress faster. Band is on Tuesday evenings from 6pm-7:30pm in the band rooms in Merivale St.



# Concert Band Enrolment Form 2016

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ (if hiring, leave blank until instrument confirmed)

I/We have read this booklet with my child. I/We understand that Concert Band is a commitment for the full school year.

I/We will pay fees associated with band promptly.

My/Our child has their own instrument and will bring it to school for band rehearsals.

My/Our child wishes to hire an instrument and I/we have filled in the Hire Agreement Form.

I/We will ensure that our child has the consumables required for their instrument (e.g. reeds).

We will ensure that a parent attends each band committee meeting.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Commitment

I will attend band each week.

I will take care of my instrument and let somebody know if it is not working properly or becomes damaged.

I will bring my book and spare reeds (if reed instrument) to lessons and band.

I will follow Tumut Public School rules as a member of the band.

I understand that band is for the full school year.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Instrument Hire Agreement Form 2016

Student Name

**Instrument Preferences** – Please write, in order of preference, the instruments that you are interested in playing. Every effort will be made to give you your first preference, but please understand that Tumut Public School has only a limited number of each instrument.

1.

2.

3.

Parent 1 Name

Mobile

Email

Parent 2 Name

Mobile

Email

- We will insure the hired instrument.
- We will report damage and/or lost or stolen instruments immediately.
- We will pay hire charges promptly.

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| Student Name<br>(Please print) | Signature | Date |

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| Parent Name<br>(Please print) | Signature | Date |

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| School Coordinator | Signature | Date |

*Office Use Only*

| Instrument | Brand | Model | Serial No | Date | Signed |
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