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# CONCERT BAND PROGRAM



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#### Overview

The Emmanuel Anglican College Concert Band Program is highly regarded in the Northern Rivers Region. The program consists of three main Concert Bands which perform regularly at College events, around the community and at Eisteddfods. These bands are supported by two smaller beginner bands which offer a rich musical experience for our Year 3 and Year 4 students. The instrumental development of our students is supported by weekly group tuition provided by our Concert Band Teaching Team.

We believe all students should be provided the opportunity to have a musical experience that enriches their schooling experience, and this is why we developed this unique and wonderfully diverse program for our students. It is inclusive of students with a range of musical abilities and ambitions as the program provides opportunities for beginner students through to advanced instrumentalists. This program has been designed with enrichment and growth as its foundation. '*Music has a power of forming the character and therefore should be introduced into the education of the young'* (Aristotle).



### Benefits

Global research into the benefits of music has found that participation in a formal music program has a variety of benefits including increased brain function, memory, attention span and focus, improved numeracy and language skills. It also fosters creativity, cooperation, social awareness and resilience.

Research from the University of British Columbia examined data from more than 100,000 students and found that "students who learned to play a musical instrument in elementary (primary) and continued playing in high school not only score significantly higher, but were about one academic year ahead of their non-music peers with regard to their English, mathematics and science skills, as measured by their exam grades, regardless of their socioeconomic background, ethnicity, prior learning in mathematics and English, and gender."<sup>1</sup>

#### Band Structure

Year 3 Little Mozarts Band The Year 3 Little Mozarts Band is the entry point for most students who participate in our Concert Band Program. The Little Mozarts learn the foundations of musical notation, instrumental skills and ensemble awareness.		Junior Concert Band The Junior Concert Band is the first of our three main Concert Bands. The band is open to students of all ages who have either a minimum of two years' experience in our beginner bands, or display an ability to perform Level 1.5 repertoire.		
	The Emmanuel Concert Band The Emmanuel Concert Band is the premier band of our program and offers our highly proficient musicians a musical experience that extends their instrumental and ensemble skills.			
Year 4 Rising Stars Band The Year 4 <i>Rising Stars</i> Band further develops our students' understanding of musical notation, instrumental skills and builds on their ensemble awareness.		<b>Mezzo Concert Band</b> The <i>Mezzo Concert Band</i> is open to students of all ages who display an ability to perform Level 2-3 repertoire.		

<sup>1</sup> University of British Columbia – https://neurosciencenews.com/music-math-14304/

# Primary Concert Band Studies

In Years 3 to 6, all students participating in the Concert Band program attend weekly Concert Band Studies lessons in place of curriculum Music lessons. The focus of these lessons is on improving the reading of musical notation, to further develop instrumental skill and to foster ensemble awareness. These lessons also double as rehearsals for the *Little Mozarts* and *Rising Stars* Bands.

#### Weekly Group Tuition

These weekly group tutorials are led by the College's Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Tutors and support each student's participation in the Concert Band Program. In these tutorials, students develop their instrumental skills and reading of musical notation. Tuition is compulsory for Primary Band Students and optional for Secondary Band Students. Students receive a minimum of eight tutorials a term. At times, a weekly tutorial may be replaced by sectional or whole band workshops.



#### Fees

The College's extensive Concert Band Program has developed to become a significant contributor to College life. Studies have found a strong link between music instruction and academic achievement. Students can participate in the Concert Band Program from Year 3 and have the opportunity to participate in the Tuition Program, which includes weekly small group tutorials. Band fees are billed separately at the commencement of each term. The Band fees include instrument rental, if required.

Year/Stage	Band Program	Cost Per Term
Years 3 - 6	Primary Concert Band Studies (Includes Tuition)	\$290.00
Years 7 - 12	Secondary Band Participation Fee	\$225.00
Years 7 - 12	Secondary Band Tuition Fee	\$200.00
	Concert Band Shirt	\$44.00 each

Withdrawal from the College Band Program must be done in writing to Mr Adam Holmes at <u>aholmes@eac.nsw.edu.au</u> by the last day of the previous term. Fees will not be refunded if the appropriate notice is not given. Students who withdraw mid term are not eligible for a refund.

Note: Private Music Tuition provided by the instrumental music tutors is charged separately.



# Concert Band Studies Enrolment Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class:

I give permission for my child to participate in the Concert Band Studies Program (select program below) and am supportive of the level of commitment required to be involved in this opportunity.

Primary Concert Band Studies (\$290.00 per term)

Secondary Band Participation and Tuition Fee (\$425.00 per term)

Secondary Band Participation (\$225.00 per term)

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Parent Name: Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Instrument Selection** Please number in order of preference from 1-4. Tuba Flute **Tenor Saxophone** (Secondary only) Piccolo Baritone Saxophone **Concert Percussion** (Secondary only) (Secondary only) (including drum kit) Oboe Mallet Percussion Trumpet (Secondary only) French Horn Clarinet **Keyboard Bass** (Secondary only) **Bass Clarinet** Trombone **Bass Guitar** (Secondary only) Alto Saxophone Baritone/Euphonium Other.....

\* Students will not be provided with a full drum kit. They will receive a percussion bag which includes a practice pad, a snare drum and sticks.

#### **Other Relevant Information**

Do you have any previous instrumental experience? Please detail how long you have played the instrument and any formal instruction you have undertaken such as private lessons, ensemble participation etc.