



Bandemonium Audition Form

“Children who study a musical instrument are more likely to excel in all of their studies, work better in teams, have enhanced critical thinking skills, stay in school, and pursue further education.”

THE PROGRAM

Thank you for considering auditioning for the school band program. Learning a musical instrument brings many benefits to your child's overall academic and emotional development. There are a number of instruments available to play – some with limited positions. The students have had a demonstration of the different instruments available and will be able to audition instruments of their choice.

Please be aware that Training Band is a one year commitment. Students then are able to graduate to the Concert Band. For optimal results students need to practice regularly, attend band sessions and tutorials and enjoy being part of the team.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Students will have a group tutorial (numbers kept to a minimum) and a full band rehearsal each week. Qualified instrumental tutors are used for each school. The band rehearsal is after school from 2:30am – 3:30am on Tuesday's, with tutorials held during the school day.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

Tuition fees are \$14.50 (plus G.S.T.) a week, which covers both band rehearsals and tutorials. Parents can make payments either via a monthly credit card debit or term invoices. Term invoices will be sent for each term (usually 9-10 weeks). There is also an initial cost of a beginner pack, which will contain their tutorial book as well as other essential starter items.

HOW DO WE GET AN INSTRUMENT?

Naturally, your child will also need a musical instrument. Bandemonium has quality instruments available for purchase or rent-to-own.

I'M IN, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

- Complete the audition slip below and return it to the school office by **Friday 31st October**
 - Your child will audition instruments and be matched to the best instrument for them.
 - You will be emailed an enrolment pack
 - Return your completed enrolment to Bandemonium
 - Your child is ready to start band in 2017!!!
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The benefits for your child

- New Australian research has revealed that school kids who play music are better learners.
- Children who study music tend to have larger vocabularies and more advanced reading skills than their peers who do not participate in music lessons.
- Elementary age children who are involved in music lessons show greater brain development and memory improvement within a year than children who receive no musical training.
- A study from Columbia University revealed that students who study arts are more cooperative with their teachers and peers and have higher levels self-confidence.
- Learning and mastering a musical instrument improves the way the brain breaks down and understands human language, making music students more apt to pick up a second language.



Testimonials

"My child's band played at their neighbouring school's fete, They played three pieces of music and all looked very confident and professional. The parents there were so proud of them and the obvious hard work that has paid off. We were amazed at how cohesive and well they all played. Congratulations to the excellent Bandemonium tutors." Parent at Oran Park

"I found band so fun! I loved learning an instrument and then concerts were really fun. I can't wait for next year." Student aged 11

"It was hard at the start, but I kept with it and it got really easy. The songs we play are cool." Student aged 9

School: _____ St Ives Park Primary _____ Class: _____

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Instrument Preference (please number 1-3)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flute | <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet | <input type="checkbox"/> Bass Guitar (limited) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet | <input type="checkbox"/> Trombone | <input type="checkbox"/> Glockenspiel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saxophone | <input type="checkbox"/> Percussion/ Drums (limited) | |

