

# CONCERT BAND INFORMATION

Concert Band exists as one of our key music ensembles and caters for woodwind, brass or percussion instruments. We offer two Concert Bands including our Primary Concert band and Secondary Concert Band. Primary Concert Band runs for established beginners and intermediate players and rehearses before school. Secondary Concert Band runs for proficient players and rehearses before school. Participation is by audition \*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Primary Concert Band

- ✓ Concert Band is open for students from Year 3 and up.
- ✓ It is recommended that students learnt their instrument for approx. 6 months.
- ✓ Eligibility to play in the band requires members to play an instrument within a section, including woodwind, brass and percussion \*\*
- ✓ It is necessary that a band member have their own instrument - owned OR hired.
- ✓ It is necessary that a band member receive regular, formalised tuition by a competent tutor.
- ✓ Primary Concert Band follows the Essential Elements method book, which can be loaned annually from the Library.
- ✓ An experienced music professional conducts our concert bands, with oversight and management carried out by the Creative Arts Coordinator.

### Rehearsals

- ✓ Rehearsals will begin in Week 3 of Term 1. They will be held one morning every week in school terms and begins at **7:45am and runs till 8:40am on Wednesday mornings**. Beginner members will rehearse till 8.15am to allow experienced players to continue working on more demanding material.
- ✓ Students will need to arrive by 7:40am to set up and be ready to play at 7:45am sharp.
- ✓ Rehearsals take place in the band room, currently at the southern end of J Block.
- ✓ Rehearsals are a chance for members to participate in a focused session of playing together as a team. They are enjoyable and fulfilling when approached with dedication.
- ✓ Arriving prepared and on-time is crucial in ensuring that the band maximizes its rehearsal time together. Students need to arrive with everything they need - instrument, music, water bottle and a pencil.

### Instrument Hire-to-Buy Program

A range of concert band, strings and contemporary instruments are available for hire from the College at low cost. This is a fantastic way for students to trial an instrument without the costs of purchasing your own.

#### NOTE:

\* If there is an excess of students interested in any one instrument, i.e. drums, auditions will be held in order to find the most capable players.

\*\* Unfortunately there is no singers, guitars, ukulele, or piano in a concert band.