



NCS Instrumental Program Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

The NCS Primary Instrumental Program has been a very exciting NCS initiative. It has been wonderful to see so many of our Stage 3 students learning a concert band instrument and gaining ensemble experience.

Our year 6 students have achieved an enormous amount on their instruments, having good reason to be very proud of their progress. Successful performances both at school and in the wider community are testimony to this. As a teacher, it has been wonderful to see the enjoyment that learning instruments has brought to so many of our students. It has also helped to forge closer bonds between these students as we work together to achieve a common goal.

Conclusion of Program:

The Stage 3 "Introduction to Concert Band" program concludes at the end of this year for our year 6 students. This means that as your child enters year 7 they will no longer be part of tutorial groups for their chosen instrument. **Due to the great progress which has been made this year, I am hoping that all instrumental students will continue on with their instrument in the Secondary Concert Band.** A number of our year 6 students have already been rehearsing with the Secondary Concert Band alongside our secondary school students, demonstrating that they have already attained the level of proficiency required for this promotion! Those who are not quite ready yet will attain the required level with continued dedication and regular input from a private instrumental teacher.

Opportunity for Private Tuition:

The next step in the continuum of learning is to participate in an instrumental lesson each week with an expert instrumental teacher. Students who are learning an instrument from year 7 throughout high school, are very well placed for elective and senior music. Generally students come out of class for half an hour each week for their instrumental lesson. Cost varies between tutors but usually sits around \$35 per lesson (Some families have reported that grandparents have been eager to help out with this!)

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The following teachers are conducting peripatetic lessons at NCS and can be contacted to arrange a lesson time:

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Instrument Purchase:

Many of our secondary parents have foreseen that their child will be playing longer term and have decided to purchase their own instrument rather than hiring from the school. Students with their own instruments are welcome to continue to participate in the band program (without the cost of instrumental hire). I would generally recommend Yamaha student model instruments, which come with a three year warranty. I have found staff at Engadine Music to be extremely knowledgeable and helpful when it comes to purchasing instruments. Prices vary between music stores. *Please do not be tempted to purchase a very cheap musical instrument* - these tend to produce a poor quality sound and are unlikely to last. It is better to wait and save for something that will serve your child well. A reminder for those that own instruments, that the holidays are a great time to get them serviced. Please send your child to see me, or be in contact if you would like a discount voucher for an instrumental service from Leisure Coast Wind and Brass.

www.lcwb.com.au

<https://engadinemusic.com.au/>

Instrument Hire:

In 2019, instrumental hire will be available at \$120 per semester (charged at the start of term 1 and 3). There is also a \$25 yearly sheet music fee.

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Nowra Christian School Secondary Concert Band:

In a similar vein to 2018, Secondary Concert Band performs at a number of school and community events throughout the year. It is a great way to continue to build skills, comradery, and serve our school and wider community. Generally to keep up with the Secondary Concert Band repertoire, students will need to be receiving private tuition. This is strongly encouraged for all Secondary Concert Band members.

Instrument Servicing:

At the end of term all NCS instruments will be collected, so that they can be serviced during the school holidays. Please ensure your child returns their instrument to the school by Monday of the last week of term. Some students will need to hold onto their instrument until Thanksgiving, and can return it to the music room immediately after this final performance.

As far as possible instruments will be returned to the same child for use in Term 1 next year.

As we come to the end of the year I would like to thank you warmly for your continued support of your child's musical endeavours. Thanks for reminding them to bring their instruments, and encouraging them when they practice!

Please complete and return the following online form by **Thursday 29th November** to assist with planning for this program in 2019.

The following link is in the school newsletter and on the website:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEQYHFqELOfjUnj_fPBu-0yAJthn9PZAK_8Xx0giek0u_VOA/viewform

Kind Regards,

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