



**Gold Creek
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Dear Parents/Carers

It's great that your child has shown an interest in doing School Band this year. We require students who sign up to band to agree to participate **for the full school year** (although they may swap instruments if needed). We are running band sessions on rotation within the school day (so students will miss a different 75 minute lesson each week for band, and are expected to catch up on any work they have missed), but **any student beginning a new instrument is required to attend an extra compulsory session** run during Break 2 every Tuesday. This will be the session that is used to support students learning to read music, work out new fingering and how to play their instrument. Beginning students will also attend the main band session, but this will continue to run at a higher standard rather than beginner level, so that all students can continue to make progress. Students new to their instrument will often be given simplified parts for the main band sessions, but they are mainly there initially so that they learn how to be part of a band, follow along music, and understand the elements of music, rather than being 'taught' their instrument in this session. **All students** should be rehearsing regularly at home to make progress on their instrument. So that we can regularly buy new music for the band to play, we are also asking for a yearly band fee of **\$40 for all students** taking part in the band program.

In order for students to participate in band, they require access to an instrument that they can regularly practise on. Students are able to hire a variety of instruments from the Gold Creek School Music Department, or they can bring their own instrument into school (obviously at no hiring charge). All hire funds go directly to maintaining the band instruments. Costs for 2019 are still **\$150 for the school year** (which **includes** the \$40 band fee). Students will be taught how to clean and maintain their instrument, and will be supplied with cloths/grease/oils to do this with. The school services instruments on a rotational basis, and repair general wear and tear maintenance. **If the instrument needs to be repaired/replaced for any other reason, costs will be forwarded to the hirer.** Small repairs (bent keys, jammed keys etc are the most common) can be completed for a fairly small fee - we use Tritone Brass & Woodwind in Ainslie for all of our servicing/repairs. In the event that the instrument needs replacing through being lost or severely damaged, there is a guide below to how much instruments would currently cost to be replaced (through Better Music, Phillip). Students will be provided with a cleaning cloth (that they will need to wash regularly!) and accessories which will need to be returned at the end of the year, and one reed (if applicable). Any replacements, including extra reeds, will need to be purchased from a music shop (we recommend Better Music in Phillip), or from us – the prices for 2019 are on the next page.

| | Instrument replacement | Accessories | | Instrument replacement | Accessories |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Piccolo | \$1549 | Cloth \$13 Cork grease \$5 | Trumpet | \$999 | Face washer \$3 Valve oil \$12 |
| Flute | \$1099 | Cloth \$13 Rod \$10 | Trombone | \$1399 | Face washer \$3 Slide cream \$13 |
| Oboe | \$3399 | Cloth \$20 Cork grease \$5 Reeds \$33 | French Horn | \$5299 | Face washer \$3 Valve oil \$12 |
| Clarinet | \$999 | Cloth \$15 Cork grease \$5 Reeds \$4 | Euphonium | \$3699 | Face washer \$3 Valve oil \$12 |
| Bass Clarinet | \$4499 | Cloth \$20 Cork grease \$5 Reeds \$8 | Tuba | \$6799 | Face washer \$3 Valve oil \$12 |
| Alto Saxophone | \$2399 | Cloth \$37 Cork grease \$5 Reeds \$6 | Bass Guitar | \$375 | Set of strings \$45 Headphone amp \$70 Practice amp \$129 |
| Tenor Saxophone | \$2899 | Cloth \$37 Cork grease \$5 Reeds \$7 | Practice Glockenspiel | \$40 | Mallets \$15 |
| | | | Percussion Practice pads | \$43 | Drumsticks \$23 |

The band play during most school assemblies, and we are planning to take part in the Australian National Eisteddfod, the ACT Band Festival, Floriade, and will have a range of other performance events throughout the year. Students participating in band are expected to perform at all events.

Please complete and return the form over the page if you would like your child to participate in band this year. If you have any questions relating to band, please email me: philippa.needham@ed.act.edu.au

Regards,

Philippa Simpson
Gold Creek School Band Coordinator

Hire of School Band Instrument/Participation in School Band

Please return this form to the front office. Payments over \$10 will be issued with a receipt

GL CODE: 1510-MUS-IH

Amount Enclosed: \$ 150 (hiring + band fees) **OR \$40** (band fees)

Student Name: _____ PC Group: _____

Do you give permission for your child to be photographed/videoed at band events? (Please Circle) Yes No

Preferred contact email address(es) for all band correspondence: _____

I give permission for my child to participate in Band for the 2019 school year.

PARENT / CARER NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

I agree to attend regular band rehearsals and commit to Band for the 2019 school year.

STUDENT NAME: _____ STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

If hiring a school instrument:

I understand that in the case of loss or damage to hired instrument(s) and/or accessories, costs will be forward to the hirer for repairs/replacement (see above for replacement costs). If instrument(s) are not returned before the end of the hire period additional hire costs will be incurred.

PARENT / CARER NAME: _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PLEASE TICK PAYMENT TYPE:

QuickWeb: 5 Direct Deposit: 5 CASH (\$10 or under ONLY): 5

The school encourages families to use our Quickweb banking facilities available through our website as it is a safe and secure way of making payments. Please use the URL below to take you to the Schools QuickWeb payment tab.

http://www.goldcreek.act.edu.au/parent_information/payment