

DNN BANDS

TRAINING BAND 2016

Being part of band provides children with skills that will last a lifetime. In addition to the obvious musical benefits, children playing an instrument in a band program benefit socially, physically and often academically:

- Learning music improves concentration and memory.
- Music provides an avenue for creativity and self-expression.
- Children learn self-discipline and how to cooperate with others.
- As a team, children work towards a common goal, improving self-esteem and confidence.
- It's exciting and fun!

DNN Bands is a growing Concert Band Program combining students from Darlington and Newtown North Public Schools. Combining students from both schools has allowed us to create balanced bands, which is the key to good sounding ensembles. Our bands play a wide range of music including classical, jazz and pop.

The bands perform at school events, Eveleigh Markets, the School Band Festival at NSW University and the Newtown Festival. The bands also attend weekend music workshops involving rehearsals and group instrumental tutorials with experienced tutors.

Our program is made up of the Training Band for beginners, Concert Band for students who have played for more than one year and Jazz Band, which is an invitation group that challenges more advanced students. Band students are also expected to have weekly private music lessons.

Training Band rehearsals take place on **Wednesday mornings between 7:50am and 8:40am** with students from the away school being walked back on a parent volunteer roster. In 2016 rehearsals will take place in **Terms 1 & 2 at Newtown North and in Terms 3 & 4 at Darlington.**

Each year students in Year 3 and above are invited to join Training Band by attending a blow test in which our tutors assess student suitability on an instrument. Instrument recommendations are also based on student choice, and the need to create a balanced band. Spots are limited on more common instruments and more available on instruments we need more of.

Once an instrument is recommended parents will receive information about where to source an instrument. Some of the larger instruments can be hired from the school at minimal cost whilst others can be rented or bought from the local music stores.

Parents will also need to book students into weekly music lessons at a cost of around \$35 per half hour. A list of experienced tutors available at both schools will be sent out and be aware that lesson times are limited. Band enrolment is \$140 per semester and includes all rehearsals and performances.

If you would like your child to attend the blow test and join Training Band in 2015 please complete the attached **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** form and email to richardbrus13@gmail.com.

For more information please contact me by email.

Regards,

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

- If you are interested in your child attending an instrument blow test with a view to joining band then please complete this form and email to richardbrus13@gmail.com
- This form is also available at dnnbands.wordpress.com as a file that can be downloaded and emailed.

Student Details	
First Name:	Last Name:
Date of Birth:	Class: School Year in 2016*: (*band enrolment is for years 3-6)
School:	Instrument currently learning:
<input type="checkbox"/> Darlington <input type="checkbox"/> Newtown North	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Piano, Years played: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please indicate) _____
Instrument Choice: (Please indicate a 1 st and 2 nd choice)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flute <input type="checkbox"/> Oboe* <input type="checkbox"/> Bassoon* <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet <input type="checkbox"/> Saxophone <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet <input type="checkbox"/> French Horn* <input type="checkbox"/> Trombone* <input type="checkbox"/> Baritone Horn* <input type="checkbox"/> Bass Guitar <input type="checkbox"/> Percussion* <input type="checkbox"/> Keyboard**	
* Indicates a shortage of this instrument in our program with more spots available. ** Keyboard students should have at least 2 years experience and be able to read music in two flats.	
Parent Details	
Parent 1 (Primary Contact)	
First Name:	Last Name:
Email: (Used for all correspondence)	
Home Phone:	Mobile:
Parent 2	
First Name:	Last Name:
Email:	
Home Phone:	Mobile: