2017 Fees

Band fees are necessary to cover expenses relating to employing conductors, purchase of music and maintenance of equipment.

Band fees are approximately $360 per year and is invoiced in Term 1.

Band Camp fees: This year band camp will be held on March 29 & 30, 2017. All band members must attend, and the fees are approximately $170.

2017 Tutorial fees: Fees for the individual weekly tutorials are $35.00 per half hour. The tutor invoices parents directly, once per term.

Instruments: Supply your own instrument. French Horn, Euphonium and Trombone are available for hire and the cost is approximately $250 a year, with an instrument bond of $200.

How to Enrol

- Child to attend the “Play an Instrument Day” on Wednesday 2 November, 2016 at school hall during school hours.
- Receive instrument allocation and commitment contract in Week 5.
- Return signed Band Contract in Week 6.
- Come to our Info Session Night on Wednesday 16 November at 5:30pm in the hall.

What Next?

- Arrange instrument purchase or hire.
- Tutorials commence Week 2, Term 1 2017
- Training Band rehearsals commence Week 2, Term 1 2017.
- Enjoy the Band!

Register your interest online at:

Contact Us

Email: sipsband@gmail.com
Telephone: Feel free to ring the committee members listed in the School Directory.
Band Program Overview

St Ives Public School has an extensive and highly regarded band program comprising a Training Band, Intermediate Band, Senior Band and Stage Band. The program is run by a volunteer parent sub committee of the P&C, who engage qualified conductors to lead the bands, and qualified instrument tutors to provide lessons at school. All children joining the program are allocated an instrument, have a half hour individual lesson per week and participate in a band rehearsal each week. Children in years 3 - 6 in 2017 are able to participate. No previous musical experience is required! The annual band camp is always a highlight for the children. Our bands perform regularly for the school and local community. Through music children find a way to channel their energy, emotions and ability into something purposeful and creative.

Allocation of Instruments

The instruments played in our Bands are flute, clarinet, saxophones (alto & tenor), trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, euphonium, tuba, bass guitar, keyboard and percussion.

Our aim is to achieve balanced bands, both in the current and future years. Some instruments are more popular than others so, when joining the Training Band not all players are offered their first preference. While we always try to accommodate preferences, it is not always possible.

Instrument hire

Instrument hire is available for Training Band for the following instruments - French horn, tuba, trombone and euphonium.

Students allocated the clarinet, flute, saxophone or trumpet will need to purchase (or hire externally) their own instrument. Please attend the Parent Information evening on Wednesday 16th November 5:30-6pm for advice, as this is very important to your child’s enjoyment.

Expectations & Commitments

So that ALL members of the Bands enjoy their participation in the Band program, each student is expected to commit to regular practice of their instrument, prompt arrival and regular attendance at all band rehearsals and tutorials. Attendance at all performances is compulsory and students must honor their commitment for the entire school year.

The Bands

Children generally commence in Training Band with little or no musical training, and usually progress to Intermediate Band, then followed by Senior Band. Stage Band is an extension program for Year 5 & 6 or invited students only. The bands are a fun way to extend children’s musical experience.

The Bands perform at various school and community events (including Open Day, Showcase and local preschools), and participate in various competitions and festivals, like the NSW School Band Festival, many of which occur after school hours and on weekends.

We expect all band members to attend all performances.

Band Rehearsal times

Rehearsal times are subject to change in 2017 dependent upon the conductor and school timetabling.

Currently each band rehearses once a week as follows:

**Training Band:**
Wednesday: 3:20pm — 4:20pm

**Intermediate Band:**
Tuesday: 7:30am — 8.45am

**Senior Band:**
Wednesday: 7.30am — 8.45am

**Stage Band:**
Wednesday: 4:20pm — 5.20pm

Instrumental Lessons

- Children enrolled in the band program will have one half hour private individual music lesson per week with a specialist tutor at the school or in their own time.
- Before the commencement of Term 1, a day and time will be arranged for your child’s lesson.
- Tutors will invoice you directly each term.
- Pricing is $35.00 per half hour.