

**Expression of Interest  
Officer Secondary College Instrumental Music Program**

Dear Parents / Guardians

Officer Secondary College would like to invite eligible students to participate in our Music Department's 2021 Instrumental/Voice/Bands Music Program.

The program aims to build music performance skills in a supportive environment and provides students with weekly lessons in small groups on a rotation basis (so they never miss the same class 2 weeks in a row) by an instrumental music teacher/tutor employed through the College. Students pay for subsidised music lessons, at a cost of \$350.00 per year. HAP (High Achiever Program) and PAM (Performing Arts Masterclass) students are eligible for a cost of \$150 per year on top of their HAP and PAM fees.

Hire of Concert Band instruments are available for \$150.00 per year place a refundable bond of \$50. This amount covers the college's cost for the instruments, routine maintenance and repairs. The conditions are highlighted in the Instrumental Hire Agreement that parents sign in order for their student to take the instrument home for practice.

A music stand for home practice is required and certain instrumental accessories may need to be purchased upon request by the teacher. An instrumental student journal will be provided each year, all other stationery such as tutor books and sheet music must be purchased by parents.

Students of guitar and percussion are requested to supply their own instruments at the commencement of tuition. Parents of students playing other instruments are encouraged to obtain their child's own instrument right from the start of tuition. It is strongly recommended that parents seek advice by instrumental music instructors and the Director of Music on appropriate instruments before purchasing.

Final selection of students will be made by the College in consultation with instrumental instructors. Selected students will receive a formal letter of offer.

Selection criteria are:

- student interest in learning the instrument offered;
- parental commitment and support;
- musical ability as demonstrated in class music lessons;
- general ability in class, consistency of schoolwork, attitude towards homework;
- physical suitability for the instrument on offer; and performance results on a musical aptitude indicator.

A meeting of the parents of children who receive an offer will be held. Parents will be sent details prior to this meeting and will have the opportunity to meet the instrumental music instructors and ask any questions they may have. It will ensure that they fully understand both what is offered and the commitment that they and their child will be making before final acceptance.

Please note that every endeavour is made to provide ongoing tuition, but it may not be possible for all instruments or all students due to limited places.

***If you wish for your child to be considered for selection in the Instrumental Music Program, please complete the expression of interest attached and return it to the office for the attention to the Director of Music.***

*Kal Stavropoulos*

*Director of Music*

**Expression of Interest in the  
Officer Secondary College Instrumental Music Program**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to be considered for Instrumental Music Tuition on:

1<sup>st</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Guitar, Bass, Piano, Percussion/Drum Kit, Voice

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**If you indicated interest, please complete the following:**

- 1. Extra curricular activities and approximate time per week** (eg: sport, ballet, gymnastics, private music lessons).

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- 2. Is there any other information you would like to add to assist us in making a selection?**

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**Parent / Guardian signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please direct queries regarding your child's possible involvement in the  
Music Program to Ms Stavropoulos.