



QUAKERS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

BAND PROGRAM

Information Booklet

2014

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The QHPS band program provides students in Years 3-6 an opportunity to learn to play an instrument and be a member of a band. Students are able to develop the skills of reading music and learning and performing with a musical instrument. Students are also able to participate in a band which suits their level of skill.

Membership of the School Band is a privilege which involves commitment from the student and may impact on family time. The enjoyment and satisfaction when students achieve their goals and perform with a band is wonderful moments. Participation in a band enhances self-esteem and encourages positive social interaction.

OUR BANDS

There are 2 bands – Senior Band and Training Band

- Students who are new to their instrument begin with tutorials until they are ready to join the Training Band. This usually takes one term.

The Training Band consists of children who are new to their instrument and have progressed to a basic level.

Senior Band members are able to read music and play their instrument with some competency. The Conductor and Band Coordinator will decide when students are ready to change bands.



Instruments of the Band

Brass, woodwind, base guitars and percussion instruments are all included in the band. Percussionists will play drums, percussion instruments and some will learn glockenspiel. The Band Co-ordinator will aim to share the percussion instruments fairly and makes the final decisions.



Rehearsals

Senior Band-Wednesday and Thursday 1st half of lunch

Training Band- Wednesday 2nd half of lunch



Tutorials

Musicorp provide a tutor who comes to the school each Wednesday. Students attend a 30 minute group tutorial during class time with students learning similar instruments. Techniques such as breathing, articulation, intonation, sight reading, care and basic maintenance of their instrument are all taught.

Attendance is essential and a daily 10 minute follow up practice at home is encouraged.

Payment for tutorials and instrument rental with Musicorp is direct.

Where Do the Bands Perform?

Our bands perform at school assemblies, Kindergarten Orientations, educational events such as 'Education Week Open Days', Blacktown Music Festival and shopping centres.

Students wear the Quakers Hill Performing Arts shirt whilst performing outside the school.

What the School Band Program Involves

- signing a Contract of Participation for one year
- encouraging your child to care for their instrument and practise regularly.
- attendance at rehearsals, tutorials and performances
- comply with school expectations especially when performing outside of QHPS.

How Can I Join the Band?

There are two sessions each year where students from Years 3-6 can "try" instruments in which they are interested. Sessions are in Term 2 and Term 4 and will be advertised through the School Newsletter/website. Paperwork will then be sent home with interested students.

Students who wish to be tutored through Musicorp (at school) will complete forms and return to the Band Coordinator who will forward them on. Musicorp will then directly contact parents.

Students who have private tutoring will complete band acceptance forms and can join the band at any time.

Students may join the band during the year after contacting the Band Coordinator. Musicorp forms and information can be collected at any time from the Band Coordinator.