



Peace Lutheran College

PERFORMANCE BASED SMALL ENSEMBLE LESSONS

Information form 2019

Does your child already play a woodwind/brass instrument at a competent level?

Then small ensemble lessons are for them. Students will be placed into a small group and receive a 30 minute weekly lesson/rehearsal with the emphasis on public performance at school as well and within the local surround community.

Instruments:

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone

Small Ensemble Lessons

- Small group instructional 30 min lessons for beginners are provided on Tuesdays during school time.
- Students are required to bring their instruments with relevant books and musical equipment to their lesson. Instruments are to be stored in the music store room to ensure its safety. *Instruments are not to be stored at classroom port racks or lockers.*
- It is the student's responsibility to be punctual to their weekly lessons. If there are any changes to lesson times due to school events (e.g. Swimming Carnival, Book Week activities etc.), family or personal engagements e.g. doctor appointments, funerals, weddings, etc.), the instrumental tutor must be informed prior to the student's lesson day via email from the student's parents/caregiver to the instrumental tutor.
- If an instrumental tutor requires a change to students scheduled lesson time, students will be notified prior to their lesson day.
- If a student is unable to attend a lesson due to unexpected illness, their parent/caregiver must email the instrumental tutor by 8.30 am. If a student falls ill during the school day and will miss their instrumental lesson, then it is the parent's responsibility to pass this message onto the instrumental teacher personally or email before scheduled lesson time.
- If a student does not attend their lesson without prior notice to the instrumental tutor, the lesson will be forfeited. In this circumstance, the instrumental tutor will notify parents.
- All of the above details apply to students partaking in small ensemble lessons.

Costs Involved:

- Group lesson instrumental fees are \$18.00 per ½ hour lesson, which will be invoiced directly by the school with your school fees.
- Please contact the College Administration if you experience any financial difficulties and we can make other arrangements, which better suit your needs.
- Parents/caregivers will also be responsible for any addition equipment needed, e.g. tuition books, reeds, strings etc.

Practice:

- Progress on any instrument is dependent on regular practice. Students are encouraged to play their instrument every day. In today's busy world, an efficient practice routine is "GRAB 5 MINUTES" 2-3 times a day instead of missing practice if a longer time slot is not available due to other routine weekly commitments.
- HOME HINT to get more practice out of your child – buy an instrument stand to prevent packing up the instrument. Often the biggest enemy to practice is putting it together from out of the case.
- IMPORTANT NOTE: Clarinets/Saxophone/Flutes must be cleaned after every practice session for good hygiene and maintenance. If a child is not practicing they may be asked to leave the program.

Performance Opportunities: Concert Band & Small Ensemble

The College aims to offer a variety of opportunities for students to perform on their instruments. This includes both College and Community events throughout the year. Students will be required to participate in the college CONCERT BAND. Concert Band rehearsals will take place every Tuesday morning between 8-8.55 am. There is no extra charge for students to be involved in the Concert Band.

Parental Support:

Your child's success will depend on your support at home and the encouragement you give. Sit in with them when they practice or ask for a concert once per week, this will motivate them to do well.

If there are any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Yaxley – Instrumental Music Coordinator myaxley@plc.qld.edu.au

Thank you for your interest in the performance based ensemble lessons.

Regards,

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Woodwind/Brass Teacher

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