



TJHS CONCERT BAND PROGRAM

Our school has a large music ensemble, the TJHS Concert Band. Studying music and learning an instrument improves students' cognitive function and academic performance. By participating in band students develop their music and teamwork skills, as well as their literacy and numeracy skills relevant to the broader school curriculum. Our program is open to all students from Years 7-12. Through a varied concert schedule, the band are given opportunities to perform several times a year. Performance opportunities vary from the school Open Day, Presentation Day, Combined Schools Concerts, Formal Year Meetings and community eisteddfods and competitions.

Weekly sessions at school

Students will participate in 2 sessions per week, an ensemble rehearsal, and an instrumental lesson.

Instrument Tutorial - Monday 7:30-8:40am

In this session students will be working with a specialist tutor to develop instrument techniques and sight-reading skills whilst working through the band's repertoire. Our tutors are:

Saxophone: Rhianna Lean

Brass (Trumpet and Trombone): Lachie McWhirter

Guitar and Bass: Ben Adams

Clarinet: Caterina Franco

Percussion and Mallet Percussion: Henry Phillips

Ensemble Rehearsal - Wednesday 7:30-8:40

Ensemble Rehearsal (whole band). In their weekly band rehearsal, students will come together as an ensemble with our conductor, Mr Mark Brown.

Home Practice

It's important to set aside some practice time at home (about 10-20 minutes, 3-4 days a week is a great start). Learning an instrument can be challenging, and it can take a little while to get the hang of it. There's no instant gratification when it comes to learning an instrument but with practice and support it is a very rewarding pursuit.

Fees

Students are charged \$230 per term. This fee includes ensemble rehearsal, instrument tutorial, all sheet music throughout the year as well as instrument repair and maintenance.

Instrument Loan

We have a selection of instruments available for loan including saxophone, trumpet, French horn, clarinet, trombone, euphonium, tuba and flute.