



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT BERWICK COLLEGE

The Instrumental Program Berwick College is second to none. Tuition is open to any student from years 7-12 and we are fully staffed to offer tuition in all wind instruments and guitar. Wind instruments are available for hire from the College.

Learning a musical instrument is something all students should consider. Whilst many students feel that playing a musical instrument is too difficult they soon find themselves performing to audiences who admire their talent. They gain satisfaction and enjoyment from being part of a group of people who share the same interests and talents.

Playing a musical instrument enhances a student's self expression and poise, assists with coordination, problem solving, memory and goal setting skills and boosts their confidence and self-esteem.

INSTRUMENTS OFFERED AT THE COLLEGE:

WOODWIND

Clarinet
Flute
Alto Saxophone
Tenor Saxophone
Oboe / Bassoon

BRASS

Trumpet
Trombone
French Horn
Tuba

GUITAR

Acoustic Guitar
Electric Guitar
Bass Guitar

All students in the High Achiever's Program undertake instrumental music in class as the Music component of Year 7 Performing Arts. This is completed in a band format and as such, students in this program will be required to choose Woodwind or Brass instrument.

Please note: There are limited positions for new students entering the guitar program.

Music at Berwick College is growing each year and we attempt to start all new instrumental students as soon as possible. This however, can sometimes depend on the demand and the availability of hire instruments and staffing meaning that in some areas we have to audition students to assess their suitability to an instrument. It is not always possible to give students their first preference.

BAND

Each student who learns a musical instrument is placed into a band or ensemble. These groups learn different types of music, which they perform at school assemblies, presentation evenings, special musical evenings, at shopping centres, Primary Schools and band competitions.

In addition to our main groups (Senior Concert Band, Intermediate Concert Band, Junior Concert Band and Guitar Ensemble) there are other ensembles, consisting of four or eight students, in which students can participate: Saxophone Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Jazz Groups, Stage Band, Flute Ensemble and Rock Bands.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Lessons are timetabled with the instrumental teacher on a rotating basis. For example: Period 1 on a Monday, period 2 the following Monday, then period 3 the Monday after etc, meaning a student does not miss the same class each week. It is up to the student to catch up on classwork missed.

Students who listen attentively and practice at home quickly find they are able to play their instrument. The more effort students put in, the better they will be able to play their instrument and the more satisfaction they will feel.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION FEES

BAND AND ENSEMBLE FEES

The fee charged to cover the activities of bands and ensembles is used for the maintenance of equipment and purchase of sheet music.

Concert Band	\$180.00 per year
Guitar Ensemble	\$80.00 per year

In addition to the Band and Ensemble fees, there is a hire fee charged to students who do not own their own instrument. Students who hire an instrument are permitted to take it home for practice.

INSTRUMENTAL HIRE

Woodwind	\$120 per year
Brass	\$120 per year
Guitar	Students must provide their own instrument

There is no charge for weekly lessons.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STAFF

Mr Michael Couche	Instrumental Music Manager Senior Band Director
Mrs Mandy Brown	Woodwind Instructor Junior Band Director
Mr Kenton Smith	Brass Instructor Intermediate Band Director
Mr Bob Wijnschenk	Guitar Instructor Guitar Ensemble Director



BERWICK COLLEGE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC APPLICATION FORM

This application form is to be returned to the College Administration Office.

Student's name: _____

M / F (please circle)

Home Group: _____

Student's preferred instruments:

(Students in the High Achiever Program must select Brass and Woodwind instruments)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Has the student studied a musical instrument previously?

Yes / No

If yes, please name instrument / s _____

Any other comments or relevant information:

Name of parent: Mr _____

Mrs/Ms _____

Preferred contact number: _____

Signature of parent making this application: _____

Signature of student: _____

Date: _____

No money is payable with this application. Your charges for Instrumental Music and Instrument Hire (if applicable) will appear on your fee statement.