



# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT BERWICK COLLEGE

Instrumental tuition is open to all students. Playing a musical instrument enhances a student's self-expression and poise, assists with coordination, problem solving, memory and goal setting skills and boosts confidence and self-esteem. The College is fully staffed to offer tuition in **all** wind instruments, as well as voice, keyboard, drums/percussion, violin and guitar. Wind instruments and violins can be hired from the College.

## **INSTRUMENTS OFFERED AT THE COLLEGE**

**WOODWIND** Clarinet, Flute, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Oboe\* and Bassoon\*

**BRASS** Trumpet, Trombone, French horn\* and Tuba\*

\* Limited instruments available for hire.

**All students in the High Achievers Program are required to undertake a Woodwind or Brass instrument as the Instrumental Music component of Year 7 Performing Arts.**

**GUITAR** Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar and Bass Guitar

**There are limited positions for new students entering the guitar program.**

**VOICE**

**PIANO/KEYBOARD**

**VIOLIN**

**DRUMS/PERCUSSION**

We attempt to start all new instrumental students as soon as possible. However depending on demand, availability of staff and instrument hire, we may need to audition students to assess their suitability to an instrument and it may not always be possible to give them their first preference.

## **INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS WITH THE INSTRUCTOR**

Lessons are timetabled during class time on a rotating basis to ensure students do not miss the same class each week. Students are required to complete any unfinished classwork.

## **ENSEMBLES**

Students learning a musical instrument are required to be a part of a band or ensemble and play a variety of music which they perform at school assemblies, presentation evenings, special musical evenings, shopping centres, primary schools and at band competitions.

Each student will rehearse and perform with the major ensemble of their instrument as follows:

**BRASS AND WOODWIND** – one of the three Concert Bands (Junior, Intermediate or Symphonic)

**GUITAR** – Guitar Ensemble

**VOICE** – Vocal Ensemble

**PIANO/KEYBOARD** – Keyboard ensemble/s

**VIOLIN** – Violin Ensemble

**DRUMS/PERCUSSION** – Percussion Ensemble

In addition there are other ensembles which students may also join: Saxophone, Clarinet, Brass or Flute as well as Jazz Groups, Stage Band, and Rock Bands.

## **BAND AND ENSEMBLE FEES**

The fees charged cover band and ensemble activities and are also used for the maintenance of equipment and purchase of sheet music.

<b>Concert Bands</b>	<b>\$90.00 per semester</b>
<b>Guitar Ensemble</b>	<b>\$40.00 per semester</b>
<b>Keyboard Ensemble</b>	<b>\$40.00 per semester</b>
<b>Percussion Ensemble</b>	<b>\$20.00 per semester (waived if the student is in a Concert Band)</b>

## **INSTRUMENTAL HIRE FEES**

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.

<b>Woodwind and Brass</b>	<b>\$60 per semester</b>
<b>Violin</b>	<b>\$30 per semester</b>
<b>Guitar</b>	<b>Students must provide their own instrument</b>

**Keyboards, drum kit and percussion are provided for the lessons. There is no charge for weekly lessons.**

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STAFF**

### **Mr Michael Couche**

Instrumental Music Manager

Symphonic Band Director

Stage Band Director

### **Mrs Mandy Brown**

Woodwind Instructor

Junior Band Director

### **Mr Kenton Smith**

Brass Instructor

Intermediate Band Director

### **Ms Tammy Brittain**

Vocal Instructor

Violin Instructor

Vocal Ensemble Director

Violin Ensemble Director

### **Mr James Peden**

Guitar Instructor

Piano/Keyboard Instructor

Guitar Ensemble Director

Keyboard Ensemble Director

### **Mr Bryce Zelno**

Drum/Percussion Instructor

Percussion 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 FROM 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:

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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.