



## ELIMBAH STATE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

*Welcome to the Instrumental Music Program at Elimbah State School.*

### **AIMS**

The aims of the Instrumental Music Program at Elimbah State School are:

- To provide an opportunity for the musical development of students through instrumental instruction
- To provide ensemble experience for these students so they can develop performance skills
- To encourage the enjoyment of personal achievement through performances and learning a musical instrument
- To extend students learning beyond the classroom
- To develop school pride through performance and achievement
- To develop students team working skills
- To develop an appreciation for music
- To develop responsibility, persistence and resilience
- To have fun!

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LEVY

Each year at Elimbah State School, students who are involved with the Instrumental Music Program are required to pay an instrumental music fee.

**\$100** – If students are using a school instrument

**\$30** – If students are using their own instrument.

Payment plans are available – please contact the school office.

This money is used to maintain school instruments and resources such as school music stands, supplementary books, concert band music etc.

**As the student is expected to remain in the program for the duration of the school year, these fees are not refundable if the student withdraws from the program before the end of the school year. Similarly, if the fees are not paid, the student will be unable to continue in the program.**

## TUITION

Every student will receive one half hour instrumental music lesson per week in a small group. This lesson will take place at school, the cost of which is included in the levy.

It is Education Queensland policy that every student who is part of the instrumental music program must join a school band/ensemble when the teacher deems the student is ready.

Each student will be asked to fill in an instrumental music homework book which needs to be signed by a parent/caregiver on a weekly basis. This must be presented to the teacher each week.

Students and classroom teachers will receive a new timetable for instrumental music lessons each term. Extra copies of the timetable are available from the instrumental music teacher and the music room.

## ENSEMBLES

Elimbah State School instrumental music students have the opportunity to participate in the Elimbah State School Band. Once students have reached a particular level of playing, they will be asked to join this ensemble. **Student participation in this ensemble and attendance at performances is compulsory.** The teacher must be contacted if a student is unable to attend a rehearsal or performance. The Elimbah State School Band will rehearse each **Monday** morning in the music room. All students must be at school by 7.50am to help set up and warm up for the rehearsal.

The Elimbah State School Band will also perform on assembly each Friday morning. Students are asked to be at school on a Friday morning with enough time to help set the band up for the performance.

## STUDENT COMMITMENT

Students involved in the school's Instrumental Music Program need to show a high level of commitment to run a successful program and successful concert bands. The following are the student's responsibility.

- **STUDENTS MUST PRACTICE**. Beginning students should practice at least 15 minutes, 5 days a week. This amount of time should increase as the musical ability improves. Students should practice ensemble and lesson material as well as technical work, scales and warm ups. Practice and commitment is a key to success in music.
- Students need to demonstrate a high level of appropriate behaviour when attending all practices and performances.
- Students must regularly attend lessons and rehearsals. All absences must be explained. A roll is kept for each lesson and rehearsal.
- Students need to be punctual and prepared for all lessons and rehearsals. Students only have a limited amount of tuition each week during school time. Students need to arrive to their lessons and rehearsals with all of their music, their instruments (in full working condition) and accessories.
- Students will need to dress in full band uniform for performances (unless otherwise noted). The Elimbah State School Band uniform is a long sleeved white collared button up shirt, long black pants, black shoes and black socks. Shirts and pants are available from the school uniform shop. Students will be issued with band vests before each performance.

Please note that commitment to the program is for one school year, then on a year by year basis. It is expected that the students will continue instrumental music through until the end of year 6. Perseverance is a benefit of learning a musical instrument. Perseverance throughout the program is actively encouraged. Consultation with the school principal must be made for any withdrawals from the instrumental music program.

## PARENT COMMITMENT

- Parents need to show interest in their child's playing no matter what their ability level may be.
- Parents are to sign their child's homework book after each home practice.
- Ensure your child has the accessories required for tuition and practice (eg. reeds, valve oil).
- When performing, attend performances on a regular basis to show your commitment.
- Communicate any concerns or questions to the instrumental music teacher (details provided on last page). If a student is unable to attend a rehearsal, performance or lesson for whatever reason, the instrumental music teacher must be contacted.

## PRACTICE

- All students will receive a homework practice book. This book needs to be filled in on a weekly basis. Parents/Guardian's signature is required each week in this book to as evidence that the student has completed home practice. This must be completed each week and brought to class.

## ACCESSORIES

All students need a music stand. Music stands are vital for home practice and can be bought at any music store.

Each instrument has different accessories needed to have this instrument in full working order.

**Clarinet** – Clarinet Reeds (size 1 ½ to start off with), pull through, cork grease

**Flute** – Cleaning swab and cleaning rod

**Saxophones** – Reeds (size 1 ½ to start off with), pull through, cork grease

**Trumpets, Euphoniums and Tuba** – Valve oil, cleaning brushes

**Trombones** – Cleaning brushes, Slide oil/grease

**Percussion** – Drum sticks and drum pad

**Bass Guitar** – Tuner, lead and amp (for home practice)

**All Students** – Music stand (for home practice), a “Standard of Excellence, book 1” method book for their instrument (eg. Trumpet, clarinet) and a display folder.

Parents and students must purchase their own supply of reeds, valve oil etc. Students must have these accessories with their instruments at all times. Students are not prepared for rehearsal/practice/lessons if they don't have these necessary accessories.

## INSTRUMENTS

A limited number of instruments can be hired from Elimbah State School for a maximum of 12 months. A Loan Agreement form must be completed for these instruments to be loaned. Students need to show great care with these school instruments. The student that has hired the instrument should be the only one who can handle the instrument. Instrument checks will occur on a regular basis with school instruments. Students playing larger, more expensive instruments (eg. Euphonium, bass clarinet) can loan these instruments from the school for a longer period of time.

## POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Instruments can be hired from music stores with easy payment plans (see teacher for further details)
- Second hand instruments can also be another option. Ask if an expert can check it.
- Always ask for a student price.
- It is essential that the child and parent understand the commitment that is being made.
- Never attempt to repair an instrument – bring it to your teacher first.
- Please note – Education Queensland pays tuition.

## MUSIC STORES

All music stores should be able to help you out with purchasing instruments and supplies (eg. Reeds, valve oil), instrument servicing and sheet music. All music stores should take phone orders as well. Some music stores around the area are:

- Shake It Up Music! – Shop 4, 186 Currie Street Nambour QLD 4560.  
Ph:(07)54415454
- Ellaways Music – Ph: 1800 818 296 – [www.ellaways.com.au](http://www.ellaways.com.au)  
Ellaways Kedron – 315-337 Gympie Road, Kedron
- Play Today Music  
26/302 South Pine Road, Brendale QLD 4500  
Phone – 38899400
- Mooloolaba Music Centre  
Shop 2 Minyama Place, Cnr Nicklin Way & Kensington Dr, Minyama QLD 4575

(Elimbah State School has no affiliation with these businesses.)

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