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CONTINUATION LETTER – INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

8th September, 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Shortly the recruitment process for the 2026 Stafford Heights State School Instrumental Music Program will begin. It is necessary to obtain information regarding students continuing in the program in 2026 in order to clarify the available positions for interested students.

Continuing students will be expected to attend one group lesson in school time and one ensemble rehearsal outside of school time. They may also be given the opportunity to attend extension activities and will participate in a number of activities and performances throughout the school year.

If your child has had the use of a school loan instrument since joining the Instrumental Music Program, it is necessary to return the loaned instrument in line with the departmental policy. The return of loaned instruments is essential to allow new students the same access to this program that your child has had this year. In term 4 families will be notified of the dates when instruments are to be returned.

Students who have been using a tenor saxophone, baritone horn or euphonium, may have the opportunity to continue using the instrument in 2026. Please refer to the selected box below for further information:

- ☐ Your child has been using their own instrument in our program.
- ☐ Your child has had the use of a flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone in 2025. To continue in 2026, you will be required to provide a good quality instrument. If you intend to purchase an instrument it will be required by Term 1, Week 2 for your child to begin tuition.
- ☐ Your child will be provided with a school instrument to continue in the program in 2026.
- ☐ Your child plays Percussion. All percussion students in their second year or more are recommended to purchase the following:
 - Continuing pack
 - CTB15 Standard Stick Bag
 - SCK-3 Glock Mallets

Percussion students should already own their own:

- Practice pad for home practice
- Good quality drumsticks
- Student glockenspiel (recommend 32 bars or more)

Extra Information for parents/caregivers needing to provide an instrument:

To assist you with your up-coming purchase/hire, we have listed local retailers who could be of assistance:

- Other Music www.othermusic.com.au
- Woods Music <https://woodsmusic.com.au/>
- Blow Wind and Brass <https://www.blowwinds.com.au/>
- Just Percussion <https://www.justpercussion.com.au/>
- Brass Music Specialists <https://www.brassmusic.com.au/>

These retailers (and others) may feature instrumental rental/purchase plans including interest free prices and/or discounts. Some also have ex-rental instruments for sale. Please also be aware that the quality of the instrument you purchase is of vital importance.

Brass and Woodwind

Yamaha is the preferred brand for all instruments in the student range. Over the years, Yamaha retains its value, the parts are easily accessible, and the instruments are good quality. Some other good quality brands include: Jupiter, Pearl, Bach, Buffet, Schagerl.

Some repairers will refuse to repair inferior internet models. Families are encouraged to hold off purchasing until a quality instrument can be purchased.

Please speak with your child's instrumental teacher if you require an extension to use the school loan instrument for reasons of financial hardship. Genuine requests will be considered but cannot be guaranteed.

If further information is required, please contact your child's Instrumental Music Teacher.

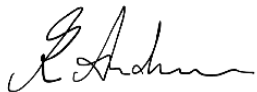
Please return the Continuation slip at the end of this form to the School Office by Monday 15 September 2025 to confirm your child's place in the program for 2026.

We look forward to your child's continued involvement in the Instrumental Music Program next year.

Kind regards



Sarah Abdy
Principal



Rachel Andrews
Instrumental Music Teacher

CONTINUATION NOTICE – INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2026

Please return to the school office by **Monday 15 September 2025**

Student's First Name: _____

Student's Last Name: _____

Instrument: _____ Year Level in 2025: _____

Please tick one of the boxes below:

- ☐ My child has their own instrument and will be continuing in the Instrumental Music Program in 2026.
- ☐ I / We will provide an instrument for our child to continue in the program in 2026 and ensure they have the instrument prior to Term 1, Week 2 to start tuition for 2026.
- ☐ My child plays percussion. I will ensure they have the listed requirements for the start of the 2026 school year.
- ☐ My child would like to request an extended loan for a larger, expensive instrument (baritone horn, euphonium, or tenor saxophone) and will be continuing in 2026.
- ☐ My child will not be continuing in the Instrumental Music Program in 2026. I understand that this means they will lose their place in the program and will not be offered any other instrument.

Parent/Caregiver Name and email address:

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____