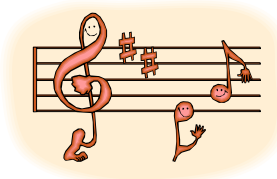


ASHBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND



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14 November 2011

BAND INFORMATION NIGHT FOR 2012

Welcome to everyone! The Band Committee has planned a fantastic band program for 2012 and below is some information to assist you.

This note should be read in conjunction with the Parent Responsibilities and Student Responsibilities information sheets.

COMMENCEMENT OF BAND PROGRAMS IN 2012

Band rehearsal times are as follows:*

- Training Band – Thursday afternoons 5.00 – 6.00pm
- Concert Band – Tuesday afternoons 4.30 – 6.00pm
- Intermediate Band – Monday mornings 7.15 – 8.50am
- Jazz Band – Monday afternoons 3.10 – 4.10 pm

Lessons should start with your child's tutor during Week 2 of Term 1, 2012.

**Rehearsal times are subject to change.*

Please note that, under the list of Parent Responsibilities, it is required that ALL parents be available to supervise at least one band tutorial per school term unless extenuating circumstances prevail.

BAND FEES FOR 2012

These have yet to be finalised for 2012 but the fees for 2011 are outlined below and we anticipate only a small increase in General Band fees.

- General Band Fees *
\$140.00 per Semester (two terms) per student payable in the first half of Term 1 and Term 3.
- Instrument Hire from the School (optional and subject to availability)
\$150.00 per Semester payable on collection of the instrument in Term 1 and Term 3. This fee is well below what hire companies charge and covers maintenance costs for most instruments and all insurance premiums.
- Percussion Levy
For percussion students there is an additional levy of \$25.00 per Semester payable in the first half of Term 1 and Term 3. This is to cover maintenance on the school's drum kit and other percussion instruments.

Please note that throughout the year there are also incidental costs for things such as buses to competition events, or performances, and tickets you may wish to purchase for these events.

**Band fees, subject to change*

BAND UNIFORM

In 2012, the Training Band uniform will consist of the black Ashbury Performing Arts Polo Shirt, black trousers, black socks and black shoes. Polo Shirts are available from the P&C Uniform Shop for **\$15.00**.

TUTORS - FEES FOR 2012

Parents are encouraged to engage the Instrumental Teachers connected with the School and who are co-ordinated by our Band Director, Mr Jason Isaac. The fees set for 2012 are as follows:

- \$32.00* per half hour lesson for one-on-one tuition
- \$20.00* per half hour lesson for a shared lesson with one other student (where available).

Parents are responsible for paying the tuition fees **directly to the Instrument Teacher by arrangement**. This is not facilitated by the School or the Band Committee.

Please note that it is a requirement that a parent or carer is present in the room with their child and tutor during the lesson.

**Note: Some tutors charge GST at 10% of the fee above. This should be made clear to you by the individual tutor.*

BOOKS & MUSIC

The Band Committee will supply 'Accent on Achievement Book 1', appropriate to the students instrument type, at the beginning of the year, at an additional cost of approximately \$15.00. Students will also receive practice copies of the music they are rehearsing in band.

BAND CAMP 2012

Mark your diaries!

The Band Committee has organised next year's Annual Band Camp. All members of the Ashbury Public School Bands are encouraged to attend our Annual Band Camp which has been a huge success over the past years:

When: Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March 2012
Time: 8.30am check-in Saturday until 3.30pm Sunday
Where: The Tops Conference Centre (www.thetops.com.au) – Bendena Garden Rd, Stanwell Tops
Cost: Estimated at \$170.00 per child inclusive of all meals, accommodation and tuition based on projected numbers

What is Band Camp all about?

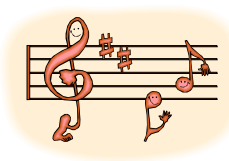
The Annual Band Camp is a unique opportunity for all our band students to spend almost two whole days in a variety of fun and musical activities. There will be several intensive, small group tutorials as well as rehearsal times for individual and combined band groups.

More information about Band Camp will be provided in the first weeks of Term 1, 2012.

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2012 INSTRUMENT PREFERENCE SHEET

In 2012 we have the following instrument places to be filled in the Training Band:

Trombone	Trumpet	French Horn
Euphonium	Alto Saxophone	Tenor Saxophone
Clarinet	Flute	Keyboard Bass
Percussion	Bass Guitar	

Please fill out this order of preference form and return it to the **band box** (on the pillar outside the school office) by **Friday 25 November 2011**. Every attempt will be made to place students with their first preference, however in the interest of ensuring a balanced ensemble and overall program, a student may be given a second or third preference. One of the instruments I have ended up making my career out of was originally a third choice!

You'll be notified of your new instrument by mid December.

Jason Isaac
Band Director

2012 Instrument Preference Form

Name of student: _____ School Year in 2012: _____

Name of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Phone numbers: (H) _____ (Mob) _____

Family Email address: _____

Previous musical experience (if any): _____

Instrument Preferences: 1. _____

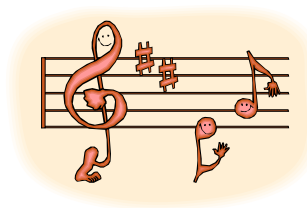
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3. _____

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2012 BAND PROGRAM Volunteer Preferences

The Band Program cannot survive without the ongoing commitment and dedication of the Band Committee, parents and carers.

Each year, we have various fundraising and normal activities which require volunteer assistance with organisation and running. These include:

- Band roster (weekly) – Please note that, under the list of Parent Responsibilities, it is required that ALL parents be available to supervise at least one band tutorial per school term at either a Training, Intermediate, Concert or Jazz Band tutorial unless extenuating circumstances prevail.
- Band Committee meetings (monthly)
- Showcase (May)
- Athletics Carnival BBQ (July/August)
- Bunnings BBQ (annual)
- Band camp (first term)
- Musicale (fourth term)

Please fill out this order of preference sheet and return to the band box (on the pillar outside the school office) by **Friday 25 November 2011**.

Your assistance, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated.

**Ashbury Public School
Band Sub-Committee**

Volunteer Preferences Form

Name of student: _____ School Year in 2012: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone Numbers: (H) _____ (M) _____

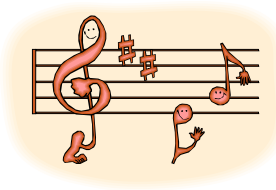
Family Email Address: _____

I would be willing to assist with:

BAND STUDENT APPLICATION FORM



NAME: _____
 ROLL CLASS: _____
 INSTRUMENT: _____
 CONCERT / INTERMEDIATE / TRAINING / JAZZ (circle)



FAMILY DETAILS

Family Mailing Title: (eg Mr & Mrs Smith).....
 Family Address: Street Name & Number.....
 Home Phone No:.....

EMAIL DETAILS

It is the Band Committee's preference to communicate all notes and messages by EMAIL only, wherever possible – only exception where no email account available. Please make sure you keep the Band Committee informed of any email address changes. All notes and messages are also posted on the band website – www.ashburyband.org.au:

Email (1)
 Email (2) Optional

FATHER / GUARDIAN DETAILS

Given Name:..... Surname:.....
 Work Phone No:..... Mobile No:.....

MOTHER / GUARDIAN DETAILS

Given Name:..... Surname:.....
 Work Phone No:..... Mobile No:.....

EMERGENCY CONTACT 1

Name:.....
 Relationship to Child:
 Mobile phone:
 Home phone:

EMERGENCY CONTACT 2

Name:.....
 Relationship to Child:
 Mobile phone:
 Home phone:

Any special circumstances that the P&C Band Sub-Committee, Tutors, Band Director or School should be aware of concerning your child including health issues?

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I request that my child be accepted into the Ashbury Public School Band Program co-ordinated by the P&C Band Sub-Committee and run by volunteer parents and a school liaison teacher.

I acknowledge that my child's participation is subject to:

- (a) full payment of all Band Fees as determined by the Band Sub-Committee; and**
- (b) full compliance with the Band Parent Responsibilities and that my child will also comply with the Band Student Responsibilities;**
- (c) good behaviour by my child and adherence to the School Rules.**

I CONSENT to my child being photographed/videoed during band rehearsals and performances and for such photographs or videos to appear in Band Newsletters, School Newsletters, the Band's website and School's website or as determined by the Band Sub-Committee or Band Director (cross out paragraph if you do not consent).

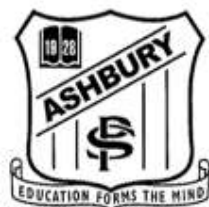
Signed (print name): Signature:

PRIVACY NOTE

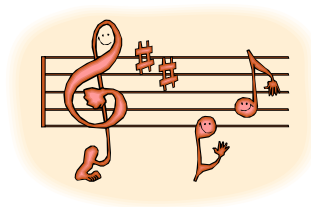
The information provided on this form is being obtained for the purpose of P&C Band Sub-Committee records. It will be used by the Sub-Committee for general administration, fee collection and communication and emergency contact during tutorials and band rehearsals. Whilst the provision of this information is voluntary, if you do not provide all or any of this information then we may not be able to contact you in an emergency. This information will be stored as securely as possible. You may access or correct any personal information by writing to the Band Sub-Committee c/- Ashbury Public School.

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2012 BAND PROGRAM Student Responsibilities

BAND PRACTICE

- ✓ Each member of the band is expected to attend all practices and rehearsals. Rolls will be kept.
- ✓ Members are responsible for learning band parts in their tutorials and in home practice time. Band rehearsals are for putting the repertoire together, not for learning individual parts.
- ✓ Students must attend rehearsals in order to participate in performances. Due notice will be given for performances in student diaries and notes. Performances are compulsory for all band members.
- ✓ Punctuality for practice is essential.
- ✓ If attendance is not possible due to illness or unavoidable circumstances, please inform the band conductor or leave a message at the school office.
- ✓ If music and/or instrument is forgotten, attendance is still required.

DISCIPLINE

- ✓ School rules apply at band practice and performances.
- ✓ It is a privilege to learn and play an instrument in the school band. Respect those who are teaching or parents taking time to help. Show consideration for fellow band members.

COMMITMENT

- ✓ Students enrol in the band program for a minimum of one semester (two terms).
- ✓ To participate in tutorials at school, students must be active members of the school band.

ACCESSORIES

- ✓ Saxophone and clarinet players must bring two spare reeds to band and tutorials. Reeds are available from music stores.
- ✓ Brass players need valve oil and slide grease in their cases.

LESSONS

- ✓ Lessons are 30 minutes.

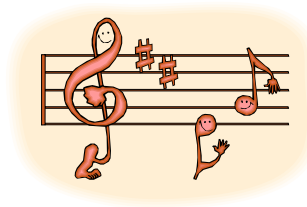
UNIFORM

- ✓ Band uniform must be worn for all performances (the Ashbury Performing Arts Polo Shirt, black trousers, black socks and black shoes). Appearance is to be neat, with long hair tied back. No excessive jewellery.

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2012 BAND PROGRAM Parent Responsibilities

SUPERVISION DURING BAND TUTORIALS

- ✓ **It is the responsibility of parents to be available to supervise at least one band tutorial per school term** at either a Training Band, Intermediate Band, Concert Band or Jazz Band tutorial unless extenuating circumstances prevail.

LESSONS

- ✓ **It is the responsibility of all parents to supervise their child at all lessons with the tutor – before, during and after the lesson.**
- ✓ Parents organise lesson times directly with the tutor.
- ✓ Parents should inform tutors of foreseeable absences no less than 24 hours prior to the lesson. The tutor is entitled to be paid for any missed lesson initiated by the student/parent. At the tutor's discretion, there may be a possibility of a make up lesson.
- ✓ While tutor fees are set by the Committee, parents pay tutors directly.

BAND FEES

- ✓ It is the responsibility of all band parents to pay their band fees **promptly** and in full when due.
- ✓ Membership of the band program (including payment) is for a minimum of one semester (two terms).
- ✓ Band fees are payable each semester in Terms 1 and 3 (two payments a year). Fees must be paid within three weeks of the commencement of the band program (each semester or term) or following written notification of fees due.
- ✓ **All band fees must be paid only by cheque / money order** made out to *Ashbury School Band* or **electronic funds transfer (EFT)** into the Sub-Committee's bank account (details available on the website). Cash will not be accepted and receipts are issued for all payments.
- ✓ All **queries** regarding fees are to be referred to the Treasurer of the Band Committee at treasurer@ashburyband.org.au.
- ✓ Any **concerns regarding payment** of fees need to be referred in writing to the Band Committee including email to secretary@ashburyband.org.au.
- ✓ **Late or non-payment of fees** will result in the following action being taken by the Band Committee:
 - Two written notices will be forwarded to the parent requesting payment of fees due.
 - A third letter will then advise the parent that their child **may not continue in the band program until the amount owed is paid**. In addition, if fees have not been paid for a full term and by week one of the following term, the parent will be informed that their child can no longer continue in the band program.
- ✓ Band fees include:
 - Band Director fees (for rehearsals and performances)

- Music purchases
- Provision for performances and festival entries

Note: Music lesson materials are a separate cost.

Throughout the year there are also incidental costs for things such as buses to competition events or performances and tickets you may wish to purchase for these events.

BAND FEES continued

- ✓ Fees may be adjusted at the Band Committee's discretion following written notification to the Committee of a student's absence from band for a period of four or more continuous school weeks.
- ✓ Fees and payment procedures are determined by the Band Committee *based on its budget and needs*. Fees are set at the beginning of the year and reassessed mid-year
- ✓ Band Camp is a separate fee determined by the Band Committee and must be prepaid by the due date for the student to attend.
- ✓ Resignation from the band program must be submitted by the parent in writing to the Band Committee.

SUPPORT FOR THE BAND PROGRAM

- ✓ Parents should endeavour to support their child by encouraging regular instrumental practice.
- ✓ Support for the Band Committee by attending meetings, assisting with transport of instruments for performances, assisting with supervision during band practice, attending performances and volunteering for fundraising activities is vital for the functioning of the band.