

# Instrumental Music Program Expectations

## Students will stay in the program until the end of primary school.

### Why?

- It takes a number of years to develop skill on an instrument. It will be difficult at times but it will get easier if you persevere.
- Our Instrumental Music program is about more than learning instruments, it is about developing the whole child. Persistence and resilience are skills that need to be practised and learning an instrument is a great opportunity for this.
- We need each student to stay in the ensemble to create a balanced sound. Just like a sporting team needs each player, our ensembles need each musician.

## Students will attend a lesson and an ensemble rehearsal each week.

### Why?

- Students progress more when they attend lessons and rehearsals.
- Motivation is increased with attendance.
- The ensemble plays at its best with all of the musicians.
- Students begin to develop time management skills.

## Students will practise their instrument at home five times a week.

### Why?

- Progress can only happen with practise.
- Research has shown that regular practise, over a number of days is more effective than less frequent, longer practices.
- Falling behind decreases motivation.

## Students will be prepared and responsible with equipment

### Why?

- Instruments are expensive and need to be looked after. If there is a problem let us know!
- Ensuring you have all of your equipment (books, instruments, music, accessories etc) means you can be ready to learn!

## Students will be team players!

### Why?

- Working together as an ensemble is rewarding in many ways. Your team members need you!
- You will progress and the ensemble will sound better!
- Students start to take responsibility of their own learning in a safe and structured environment.

## Students/parents will ask for help and communicate any problems.

### Why?

- Issues can be worked through with so that students can continue and be successful in the program, developing their resilience and persistence along the way!

## All fees will be paid on time

### Why?

- Without the money from the fees the program simply can't run.

*Please note: Some expectations may be adjusted at times due to external factors such as Departmental restrictions*