



MOUNT ANNAN  
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

# College Band Program **2021**





## **MACC COLLEGE BAND PROGRAM**

As part of our ongoing commitment to growing and developing our Performing Arts programs at Mount Annan Christian College we are pleased to offer students from Years 4 – 10 an opportunity for them to join our 2021 College Band Program.

Our Music teacher Mrs Brownlee will coordinate the program in consultation with our Bandmaster, Mr Adrian Munn. Mr Munn comes to us with a vast range of experience having led Band Programs in a variety of Schools throughout NSW over the past 38 years. He is an accomplished Trumpet player himself, having performed with many famous musicians and he plays all of the instruments we will be offering in our Band Program.

### **So, what does the MACC Band Program look like practically speaking?**

The program involves students participating in two half hour small group instrument tuition sessions every Monday and Thursday during Term. Tutoring sessions will occur during the school day with Mr Munn. A full band rehearsal will occur each Monday morning from 7.30am – 8.20am for Beginner Band (beginning Term 2) students and each Thursday morning from 7.30am – 8.20am for students in the Intermediate Band.

### ***Instrument Hire***

We have arranged Instrument hire through Musiccorp Australia. This company provides the instruments for the semester, including delivery, maintenance and repair costs as well as collection at the end of the year. In the longer term, they also offer rent to buy services should your child be keen to stick with a particular instrument. The hire price of each instrument for the remainder of the year is as follows:

### **INSTRUMENT HIRE RATES**

FLUTE	\$240 per year (\$70 per term)
CLARINET	\$240 per year (\$70 per term)
ALTO SAXOPHONE	\$430 per year (\$110 per term)
TRUMPET	\$280 per year (80 per term)
TROMBONE	\$280 per year (\$70 per term)
PERCUSSION	\$120 per year (\$30 per term).

This is for the use of the College Drum and percussion kit during lessons and tuition.

### ***Small Group Tuition***

Tuition with Mr Munn will begin in Week 2 of Term 1 and then begin in Week 1 of each Term thereafter.

Small Group Tuition x 2 each week.

Full Band Rehearsal Fee \$350.00 per term

This equates to approx. \$30 per week. This is an incredibly reasonable price for expert instrumental tuition twice a week plus a Band rehearsal session.

### **Secondary Stage Band Ensemble**

2021 will see the Secondary Stage Band Ensemble continue expand and complement our College Band Program for our Secondary students. The Secondary Stage Band Ensemble includes a variety of music students from drummers, guitarists, vocalists and students continuing on in the College Band.

It is highly beneficial for a student to develop their skills as a musician by participating in a band or ensemble. This gives students the opportunity to reinforce the skills that they learn in their lessons and enjoy the valuable experience of playing with other musicians.

Much of the instrumental learning happens in the band situation where the students hear the music as a whole instead of just their individual part. It is the one time of the week when the students learning instruments get together and put all the parts of the musical jigsaw together. Learning an instrument in isolation does not give students an incentive to continue learning, nor a full picture of what it is to be a performer. Being an active member of an ensemble builds self-confidence and self-esteem and provides a sense of pride and accomplishment. It also assists students to develop their musical awareness and social skills.

Students involved in the Secondary Band Ensemble will meet each Tuesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm for a 1 hour session and each Week B of Term from 8.30am – 9.30am.

Tuition Costs for Secondary Stage Band Ensemble - Fee \$100 per term.

### ***Music Book and Sheet Music***

There will also be an additional one off charge each year of \$25 to cover each student's individual Music book, as well as required sheet music for Band and practice at home.

### ***Commitment***

Students will need to commit to bringing their instrument to school each week and attend morning Band Rehearsals. To be successful they will also need to ensure that they participate in regular practice at home. **So, what are the next steps?**

To participate in the MACC Band Program please register your child on the MACC app (under "Bookings), selecting their preferred instrument. There are limited places available for each instrument so we would please ask that you select a first and second preference of instrument.

**Registrations must be made no later than Friday 22nd January 2021** to allow us to order the required number of instruments.

We are really looking forward to forging ahead with our Creative and Performing Arts options at MACC and do hope that you will view this as a wonderful opportunity for your child.

If you have any further queries regarding the College Band program, please do not hesitate to contact us through the College Office on 4634 7474 or via email [music@macc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music@macc.nsw.edu.au) .

Kind Regards,



**Mrs D Pope**

Head of Primary

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### PAYMENT OF COLLEGE BAND PROGRAM FEES AND INSTRUMENTAL HIRE

- 1) Payments for the College Band program **must be made on a Term basis prior to Week 2 of each Term**. These payments can be made via our QKR app, in person at the College Administration or via telephone.
- 2) If payment has not been received, then lessons will be put on hold until payment has been received. Lessons that occur in this period are to be forfeited and will not be credited.
- 3) Any adjustments to accounts/invoices/statements will be made in the following term.
- 4) Parents are required to give **4 weeks written notice** for cancellation of involvement in the College Band program. In the event no notice is given fees are payable until required notice is given.
- 5) Instruments being hired from the College must be paid for prior to receiving the instrument. Instruments are charged per term, therefore the full Terms fees for instrument hire will be due.
- 6) Students are responsible for the care of their hired instruments.
- 7) All hire instruments are hired from the start of Term 1 to the end of Term 4 and are to be returned to the College at the end of the school year. Those interested students who wish to practice their instrument over the Christmas break may be able to hire the instrument for a smaller fee of \$70. This is to be approved by the music administrator.

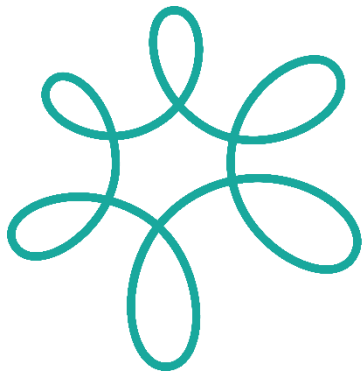
### GENERAL

- 1) Enrolment in the College Band program is for the calendar year or the remainder thereof.
- 2) Students of the College Band program are required to attend their lesson at the rostered time.
- 3) It is the **students and parents responsibility** to remember when lessons are and to remind classroom teachers. It is *not* the Band Masters or Tutors responsibility to remember the student's lessons and to chase them up.
- 4) We wish to accommodate any special needs your child has. Please advise us of any issue or requirements that may affect your child's learning. We would like to provide your child with the best possible learning experience. It would be appreciated if all information be given in writing to the Music administrator when registering your child in the program
- 5) Students must bring their instrument to each lesson/rehearsal and remember to take it home after each lesson.
- 6) If Students are away sick, please provide 24hrs notice where possible, or at least on the morning of the lesson, prior to school starting
- 7) If students will be absent from the lesson due to exams or class tests, excursion or incursions please advise the Band Master the week before so that they may be able to reschedule the a lesson.

The Band Master and his tutors endeavour to provide your child with the best possible opportunity to learn, however, if students are unco-operative, disruptive and disrespectful; the Band Master and Tutors have been advised to send students back to class and with a note home providing an explanation of the situation.

It is very difficult to provide students with the best possible learning experience if they do not have the correct equipment. Students who fail to bring music books/sheets and instruments (where applicable) to their lesson, at the discretion of the Band Master or Tutor, may be sent back to class and the rest of the lesson forfeited.





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