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SCHOOL BAND AND RECORDER GROUPS FOR 2023

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 3-6

The School Recorder Group and Band are open to students in Years 3-6.

The School Band performs at school assemblies and Open Day, as well the *Narragunnawali* and *Rhododendron Festivals*. School Band instruments include flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, French horn, keyboard bass, electric bass, kit drum and percussion. Band members are required to have weekly, private tuition on their instrument. Then, after around a term of lessons, students can attend the weekly band rehearsals on Wednesday afternoons, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Our band program is supported by instrument teachers who give private lessons before and after school in the Music Cottage. Private lessons cost \$17.50 for 15 minutes or \$35 for 30 minutes; there is no charge for band rehearsals. All band members will need their own instrument. A few instruments are available for loan from the school, otherwise an instrument will need to be purchased or hired from outside the school.

The School Recorder Group builds on the class music recorder program. The Recorder Group introduces students to all the instruments in the recorder family and rehearses repertoire for the state *Festival of Instrumental Music*, held at the Sydney Opera House in Term 2 or 3 each year. The Recorder Group rehearses before school in the Music Cottage on Tuesdays from 8:10am – 8:45am. There is no charge to attend Recorder Group rehearsals. Information about the cost of the *Festival of Instrumental Music* will be sent home in Term 1, 2023.

Please sign the attached permission note if you would like your child to join the School Band in 2023, or the Recorder Group. Notes can be handed to class teachers or to the school office.

Regards,

Jenny Lanyon, BPS Music Teacher

2023 BLACKHEATH PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND and RECORDER GROUP

My child _____ of class _____ would like to join/return to the School:

- Band. My child is interested in playing the _____ and has not / has an instrument of their own.
 Recorder Group.

I acknowledge that this event/activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health Covid-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures. I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event. I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.

Parent/carer name (please print): _____

Contact number: _____