

## **Roselea Band FAQ**

Detailed information on any of these topics can be found in the Band Handbook.

### **How experienced does my child have to be before they can join the band?**

The band programme is available for students in years 3 – 6. There are three bands available which are graded according to the children's' experience. No experience is necessary to join the training band. The Band Master will place children into the senior band and the concert band when they are ready. An information night about joining the band and choosing an instrument is held towards the end of each year. If your child is already playing an instrument please contact the Band Master to discuss their experience level. Children in years 3-6 can join the band at any time.

### **When and where do the bands rehearse?**

The bands rehearse at school. The Concert band rehearses on Wednesday morning starting at 7:45. The other bands rehearse during lunchtime on a Wednesday (Senior band) or Thursday (Training band).

### **Are lessons available?**

Group lessons are available at school. These are held during the school day. For the training band and brass instruments these are on a Thursday throughout day. A rotating timetable is used so that the children do not always miss the same lesson. For other students lessons may be on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons. Private lessons are generally not offered at school, but a list of private tutors is attached to the Band Handbook.

### **What happens if my child misses a lesson?**

If you know in advance that your child will miss a lesson please contact your child's tutor to make alternative arrangements. (Contact details are in the Band Handbook). Unless this is done it is not usually possible to make up lessons or give refunds.

### **Who do I make payment to for lessons?**

Lessons are invoiced by the Band Master and are not handled by the school or Band

Committee. Payment can still however be made through the school EFTPOS facility, and cheque/cash payment can be put in the school collection box clearly marked "Band Lesson".

### **What if my child leaves the band?**

The band levies are refundable on a pro-rata basis. The amount refunded depends on when the child leaves the band. For example if a child leaves during or at the end of first term you will lose \$50 of the \$200 levy and \$150 will be refunded.

**What if I don't have an instrument?**

Some instruments are available to hire through the school. Priority is given to members of the training band.

**What do I do if my instrument needs to be repaired?**

Contact the instrument officer (details in the Band Handbook)

**What instruments are not suitable for the band?**

Strings, recorders, and electric or acoustic 6 string guitars are not suitable band instruments.

**What is band camp?**

Band camp is an intensive weekend of band rehearsals and instrument tutorials. It is a day camp only and is held at school. Camp usually begins at lunchtime on the Saturday and finishes with dinner. It starts again on the Sunday morning and finishes at lunchtime with a family BBQ and performance by the bands. Parents are asked to assist with running the camp.

**What opportunities are there for the children to perform?**

The children perform at various school and local events throughout the year. They also compete in the Yamaha Band Festival and the Hills Performing Arts festival.

**What does my child wear to performances?**

Full seasonal uniform, including a tie for winter. For Yamaha jumpers may be taken on the day, but not worn on stage.

**How much does all this cost?**

The details of all costs can be found in the Band Handbook.

**Who do I contact if I have a question?**

Please contact the appropriate person listed in the contacts session of the Band Handbook by phone or email. Please communicate in writing if you need to deliver a message through your child. Verbal messages are sometimes difficult to interpret. You should use the information form to make any enquiries.

**How can I help the band?**

The successful operation of the band depends on parent participation. It is expected that everyone with a child in the band will contribute in some way. Please consider joining the band committee, assisting at band camp and helping with performances. Contact a member of the band committee to volunteer (Contact details are in the band handbook).