



## **WINTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Instrumental Music Policy**

#### **Rationale**

The school recognises the social and learning benefits that flow from studying a musical instrument and facilitates these by supporting the Department of Education and Training's School of Instrumental Music (SIM) program and the School Band Program. It is intended that participation in one of these programs will supplement and complement the class lessons provided for every child in Years 1-6.

#### **Principles**

- To provide equal access to develop skills, knowledge and understanding through instrumental tuition.
- To encourage the development of enthusiasm, confidence, and technical ability through practical involvement.

#### **Instrumental Programs**

##### **String Program**

The String Program is provided by the School of Instrumental Music (SIM), in conjunction with the school. Selected children receive a 30-minute group lesson once per week. Lessons are held in school time by peripatetic teachers who visit the school. Lessons are free and no previous musical experience is necessary.

The year levels involved in the string program are

Year 3 - violin

Year 4 - 'cello

Year 6 – guitar

Further information about the SIM program can be found at [www.sim.iinet.net.au](http://www.sim.iinet.net.au)

##### **Band Program**

The Band Program is coordinated by the P & C and is administered by a parent committee, who arrange for tutors for the various instruments and the appointment of a band conductor. Children receive a 30-minute group lesson once per week, which may or may not be in school time. They also attend a one hour band rehearsal once a week.

There are no set criteria or auditions for entry.

There is an expectation that that the SIM string students will continue in the program until the end of year 6.

Parents pay a fee for lessons and an additional band fee. Parents must provide an instrument.

The Band Program does not continue into High School. It is a special Winthrop PS Program.

Parents provide active support of the Band Program through the Band Committee, a sub-committee of the P and C. The Band Committee coordinate uniforms, produce regular newsletters and assist with copying of band music and excursions. Parents of children in the Band Program are encouraged to join the committee.

#### **Participation**

The school encourages participation in one of the instrumental programs.

Entry into and continued participation in the instrumental programs offered is at the discretion of School Principal.

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