

Wollongong Public School Band 2025 Expression of Interest (EOI)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wollongong Conservatorium is excited to be partnering with Wollongong Public School to develop a Concert Band Program. Students who will be in years 3-6 in 2025 are invited to fill out and return the attached Expression of Interest form. New students need NOT have any prior experience to join the band. The program will cater for absolute beginners. Basic skills and music literacy will be covered in the band class.

Choosing an Instrument

During the presentation students were encouraged to consider:

- Which sound do I like the best?
- How will it feel to blow or play?
- How will it feel to hold? (shape and size)

We are asking students to indicate their top three preferences. There are various reasons why we may need to guide students towards another instrument, from size, suitability or other. It is also important to ensure a good spread of instruments across the band to make it sound its best. Places for drums and 'bass guitar' are strictly limited. An informal audition may be held to determine which students are suitable for these instruments.

The following list shows the instruments offered in the band program and the typical spread in a band of 25-30 students:

Woodwind	Brass	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Flute (4-5 spots)● Clarinet (6-8 spots)● Saxophone (4 spots)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Trumpet (4-5 spots)● Trombone (3-4 spots)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bass Guitar (2-4 spots)● Drums (2 spots)

Further Information

Please email me if you have any questions about the program or about purchasing or hiring an instrument. If you do not already have one, you may purchase or hire from specialty music stores or you may apply to hire from the Arts Unit - <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/instrument-hire>. (NB I strongly recommend avoiding cheap supermarket or internet instruments which are poor quality, quickly broken/damaged and are not cost efficient to repair.)

Commitment

Our school band is a one-year commitment for both fees and attendance. Band works best if all students participate fully. To develop skills and musicianship, **students need to be consistent in their attendance** at rehearsals and performances. **Home practice is essential.** Approximately 10 minutes per day, four times per week is the recommended minimum.

We look forward to an exciting start to the Wollongong PS Band in 2025
Please return the EOI via email no later than December 17 2024

Warm regards

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Student Name: _____ Year/Class 2025: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

INSTRUMENT SELECTION

(please number from 1 to 3 in order of preference):

flute __ 	clarinet __ 
alto saxophone __ 	trumpet __ 
trombone 	baritone horn/euphonium __ 
percussion __ 	bass guitar __ 

Additional Information

(Any musical experience and/or do you own your own instrument already?)
