



Our Lady Star of the Sea School Band Program 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Faith McLeod and it is a pleasure to continue the position of Band Teacher for 2020. I would like to extend a warm welcome to new parents and students wishing to join the band program, as well as those continuing from 2019.

The program will continue in structure to that of 2019. Students will participate in a combined half hour band lesson, as well as a half hour group tutor session. These tutor sessions enable students to learn music to be performed as a band. There is simple instruction in note reading, fingering and relevant teaching pertaining to the instrument studied. They are small groups of 3-6 students with students of similar instrument and ability.

There will be a Training Band which consists of students in their first year of learning and those from the previous year needing another year of instruction before joining Senior Band.

The Senior Band is provided for students able to confidently read music and play at a level beyond beginner. Some of the band arrangements can be challenging and it is important students are of a similar ability. Students having completed a year of instruction will be moved to the Senior Band if it is felt they will be able to play the music arrangements to be learned.

Children will be required to purchase a tutor book **called 'ACCENT ON ACHIEVEMENT BOOK 1'** for their respective instrument (This is available **at Macron Music Erina** for approximately \$20.00) as well as a black plastic

sleeve folder for band music arrangements. Instruments on offer include **flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, bass guitar and percussion.**

In 2020, Band and instrument day will be **Mondays**. Band tutor groups will commence Term 1 Monday Week 3. During first term, we will begin with tutor groups only. This gives students a chance to learn the music to be played in combined band practice. For beginners they require the first term to learn notes, music reading and technique before being able to participate in the combined band practice. Combined band practice follows from Terms 2-4.

Instruments are available for purchase or hire from Macron Music Erina Ph 43678500. The cost for the band program will be **\$160** per term. **The Creative kids voucher is not valid for this program.**

Payment may be made by cash or direct debit .

Direct debit Community first credit union Erina Fair

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Use child's name as reference

All fees are to be **paid in advance no later than week 3 of each term. Any fees paid later than week 3 will incur a \$20 later fee.**

Any enquires please contact me Ph 0435427780 or email faithmcleod@hotmail.com

Have a musical day.