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How the instrumental subsidy program works

The college is pleased to offer students in Years 1 to 5 the chance to be part of Tatachilla's two-year instrumental subsidy program – a fantastic opportunity for children to discover the joy of learning a musical instrument while benefiting from significant savings on tuition fees.

This program is open to new beginners on:

- string instruments – violin, viola, cello
- wind instruments – trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet, saxophone

Getting started
Families who would like their child to start learning an instrument as part of the subsidy program are invited to lodge an 2027-2028 Instrumental Subsidy Program Nomination Form

Lessons typically commence in Term 1 of the academic year, following the college's testing, selection and instrument allocation process.

Mid-year applications may also be considered.

The program is ideal for students who are ready and eager to take on the commitment of regular practice and lessons.

Most children in Years 1 to 5 already have the musical foundations needed to benefit significantly from the program.

Our music staff then look for enthusiasm, commitment and the readiness to practise consistently.

This may be assessed through:

- an instrument tryout
- a short questionnaire
- discussion with the student and their teachers and caregivers.

Parental encouragement is essential in helping children develop good practice habits.

Choosing the right instrument

Some instruments suit certain physical and personality traits better than others.

The college's assessment process helps the music team match each child with the instrument that they are most compatible and that they are likely to have the most success with as a musician.

This means that some students may not receive their first choice of instrument.

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Program commitment

Upon acceptance to the program, students commit to two years of lessons and ensemble participation.

This involves:

- a weekly group instrumental lesson
- a weekly rehearsal in either the concert band, chapel band or string ensemble
- instrumental practise at home 3 to 5 times a week

Cost to families

The cost to families is $500 per year (total $1,000 over two years).

This annual levy is charged to caregivers' school fee account.

Available instruments by year level:

The following instruments are available:

- Year 1-4: violin, viola, cello
- Year 3 & 5: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone

  Note 1: students in Yr 3 in 2027 may be considered for a band instrument following testing for suitability

  Note 2: students in Yr 4 in 2027 participate in a curriculum band program and are therefore ineligible for nominating for a band instrument in the subsidy program

Enquiries

All enquiries regarding the instrumental subsidy program may be directed to the college's Student Services Officer in Performing Arts:

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