



# Blackwater North State School Instrumental Music Program

Information Package  
for beginning & continuing students

**2025**



Dear Parent/Guardian

Blackwater North State School proudly offers students in grades 4-6 the opportunity to learn a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument as part of Education Queensland's Instrumental Music program. Applications for our 2025 program are now open, and students are encouraged to apply. Before applying, please read the information below outlining the implementation of this program at Blackwater North State School. If you wish to proceed, please complete the form below and return to the school office or email it to Trina Pregnell [tmoss38@eq.edu.au](mailto:tmoss38@eq.edu.au) by **Friday 11 November 2024**.

### **Reasons to join the Instrumental Music program**

- Learn to play an instrument!
- Make new friends!
- Encourages self-discipline!
- Opportunities to travel and perform!
- Helps to improve the brain. There have been many studies carried out that show that music is one of the few disciplines that stimulates both left and right sides of the brain and builds new brain pathways.

### **Instruments**

The different instruments on offer in the Instrumental Music program at Blackwater North State School are flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium, baritone and percussion.

### **Student Selection**

Students will be required to attend suitability testing and selected according to the following criteria.

- Keenness to learn
- Musical aptitude
- Physical characteristics pertinent to a particular instrument
- Commitment of students and parents to daily practice and to regular attendance at lessons and rehearsals
- Evaluation by the classroom teacher on areas such as academic results, ability to work independently, work habits, discipline, co-operation with the teacher and other students, and their school attendance record.

### **Expenses**

Whilst the lessons themselves are free, there are still some associated costs. These include;

- \$15 yearly program fee
- \$50 instrument hire fee (if hiring)
- Personal resources such as a tuition folder, music stand and instrument-specific equipment

### **Lessons**

Each week students attend a 30-minute lesson during school time. These lessons are taken on a small group basis with each group having between 3 and 6 pupils. Students are only eligible to have lessons in the Instrumental Music program on one instrument. A rotating timetable is in place to minimise the disruption to learning in the classroom.

## **Band**

Once your child has suitable ability on their instrument, they will be invited to participate in the concert band. It is a requirement of the program that all students participate within an ensemble setting. Rehearsals take place either before or after school hours, which students must be available for. Students must also take part in performances and excursions held throughout the year and there may be additional costs for these. You must ensure that your child arrives on time and with all necessary equipment to all rehearsals and performances.

## **Commitment**

Every student offered a position in the Instrumental Music program must complete a commitment form before commencing involvement in the program. This entails students agreeing to the following:

- Commitment to a minimum of one year's tuition and ensemble rehearsals.
- Turn up on time to every lesson, rehearsal, and concert with all necessary equipment.
- Show respect to teachers and others in the class
- Do regular practice
- Take care of their instrument
- Always keep trying

Parents are also asked to sign a commitment form, endorsing your child's participation in the program. This entails parents agreeing to the following.

- Ensure your child is equipped with all necessary equipment
- Ensure your child has a regular practice routine
- Ensure your child attends and arrives on time to all rehearsals, lessons, and concerts.
- Ensure your child will be able to attend excursions and camps
- Ensure an instrument will be bought for your child after one year's tuition
- Ensure that you always encourage your child
- Ensure that school instruments and equipment are cared for at home.

Thank you for your interest in the Instrumental Music program at Blackwater North State School. If you would like your child to be considered for the Instrumental Music program, please complete the attached form, and return it to the office no later than **Monday 11 November, 2024**. By completing the attached form, you agree to commit to the program, and will uphold the above duties and tasks.

Mrs Trina Pregnell  
Instrumental Music Instructor  
[tmoss38@eq.edu.au](mailto:tmoss38@eq.edu.au)

Ms Megan Slean  
Acting Principal  
Blackwater North State School

## **Expression of Interest for BEGINNING STUDENTS (2025)**

*If your child is new to the program, please complete the following and return it to the office by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024**. You can also email this form to [tmoss38@eq.edu.au](mailto:tmoss38@eq.edu.au)*

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

Students are eligible to enter the Instrumental Music program from year 4. Will the student be in grade 4, 5 or 6 in 2025?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### **INSTRUMENT PREFERENCES (choose 3)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flute               | <input type="checkbox"/> Clarinet      | <input type="checkbox"/> Saxophone        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet             | <input type="checkbox"/> Trombone      | <input type="checkbox"/> Percussion/Drums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baritone /Euphonium | <input type="checkbox"/> Bass Clarinet | <input type="checkbox"/> French Horn      |

**➤Please note: Unfortunately, guitar and piano/keyboard are NOT INCLUDED in instrument choices available through the Instrumental Music program at Blackwater North State School.**

Please list any considerations that we need to be aware of when choosing an instrument for your child (e.g. cannot transport a large instrument home from school), or if you have a strong preference for your child to play a particular instrument:

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Has your child had any previous musical experience/tuition?

- ☐ Yes (please specify type and duration) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No

Are you able to provide this instrument, or are you aiming to hire a school instrument?

- ☐ Hire ☐ Provide

If there are no available school instruments for hire, are you prepared to provide an instrument for your child in the first year of the program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you prepared to provide an instrument for the second year onwards? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Sign:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**     /     /

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Expression of Interest for CONTINUING STUDENTS (2025)**

If your child previously participated in the Instrumental Music program at Blackwater North State School or any other school, please complete the following and return it to the office by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025**. You can also email this form to [tmoss38@eq.edu.au](mailto:tmoss38@eq.edu.au)

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

What instrument does your child play? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has your child played the instrument?

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to provide this instrument, or are you aiming to hire a school instrument?

☐ Hire      ☐ Provide

If there are no available school instruments for hire, are you prepared to provide an instrument for your child? ☐ Yes    ☐ No

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date    /    /

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_