



**BEROWRA PUBLIC
SCHOOL**

BAND 2014

**Information
Booklet**

BPS WIND BANDS

BPS Band membership is open to students in Years 3 to 6.

Currently we have two wind bands:

- TRAINING BAND is for total beginners with no previous band experience.
- CONCERT BAND is for students with more than 12 months playing experience.

REHEARSAL

TRAINING BAND and CONCERT BAND rehearse before school in the band hall, one morning per week from 8am – 9am.

PERFORMANCES

BPS Bands have great fun performing mainly at school and local community events. The number of performances generally increases as the year progresses.

INSTRUMENTS

BPS Wind Bands currently consist of mainly woodwind, brass and percussion instruments:

Flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, cornet, trombone, baritone, drum kit, auxiliary percussion, bass clarinet and euphonium

Some parents choose to purchase an instrument for their child whilst others prefer to begin by hiring one. A limited number of school-owned instruments are available for hire at the beginning of each year. These are allocated in Term 4: first preference for instrument hire is given to new Training Band members.

INSTRUMENT TRY OUTS: These will be held on **Wednesday 30th October** and on **Tuesday 5th November in the hall from 9 - 9.30 am.** Parents are most welcome.

There will be no tryouts on these days for Percussion. Please contact Amanda Gillard for a time to try percussion instruments.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENT HIRE - COST PER TERM	
CHILD 1	CHILD 2
\$50	\$50

BAND UNIFORM

Band uniform consists of a white BPS Band shirt (available from the band - cost \$18) with black long trousers, black socks and shoes.

MUSIC SUPPORT TEAM

BPS Band is operated by a group of volunteer parents: the Music Support Team. Parents meet together with the Band Director twice a term to discuss and plan band matters. Without parent support the BPS band program would not exist. Help is always needed and parents of band members are encouraged to get involved.

BAND DIRECTOR

Amanda Gillard has been Band Director at the school since 2001. In that time the band has experienced considerable growth in size and musical standard.

PRIVATE TUITION and PRACTICE

All BPS Band members are expected to attend weekly individual instrument lessons. Depending on your tutor, this could occur during the school day or outside of school hours. Learning to play a musical instrument is great fun but it isn't easy. Regular tuition and private practice are both key ingredients for success. The cost of instrument tuition can vary and largely depends on a tutor's experience. For more specific information, speak with the Band Director or some of our Band parents.

BAND FEES

Unfortunately, primary school band programs are not supported financially by the Department of Education. Band fees cover the cost of paying our Band Director and also help with the cost of sheet music, equipment and administration. BPS Band is a non-profit organisation and every effort is made to keep band fees as low as possible. Band fees are payable twice a year (this reduces administration for our volunteer treasurer). Current band fees are outlined below.

	BAND FEES cost per term	
	CHILD 1	CHILD 2
TRAINING BAND	\$70 (pro rata term 1)	\$55
CONCERT BAND	\$70	\$55

OTHER COSTS

New Training Band members will need to purchase a Band Music Bag on Registration Day at the beginning of the New Year. This will contain a Band Method book, A4 display folder, exercise book and pencil. Cost – approx. \$30.

INFORMATION EVENING

A Band Information Evening will be held on **Tuesday 19th November at 7pm in the library** for interested students and their parents.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Recruitment for next year's band membership has now begun. Parents who are considering band for their child in 2014 are asked to fill in their details on the 'Expression of Interest' form, detach it and place it in the box in the school office foyer ASAP. School hire instruments will be allocated in Term 4.

CONTACT

BAND DIRECTOR Amanda Gillard 9456 2908 bpsband@hotmail.com

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PARENTS – Please fill in this form and place it in the box in the school office foyer ASAP or return to Mrs Gillard

CHILD'S NAME.....CLASS.....

PARENT'S NAME.....

Email Address.....

Contact Phone Number.....

WHICH BAND? (Please circle one)

TRAINING BAND

CONCERT BAND

DO YOU KNOW WHICH INSTRUMENT YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO PLAY?

YES (which one?)

NO my child would like to try out some instruments.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HIRE A SCHOOL- OWNED INSTRUMENT IN 2014?

HAS YOUR CHILD PLAYED A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT BEFORE?
IF YES, THEN WHICH ONE AND FOR HOW LONG?

SIGNATURE.....

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