**CCPS TRAINING BAND 2016
Every Child Can Join! No experience Necessary!**

**Why Join Band??**

* It’s Awesome! The CCPS Band Program is led by excellent Band Masters and a strong parent body that supports it. Our Training Band is led by Gerald Steinmann under his direction our 2013 Training Band won Diamond, Gold and Silver Awards in state competitions our 2014 Training Band was two Silver.
* It’s Fun! Band Kids have a great time and one of the years highlight is Band Camp, a two day band intensive at Collaroy where they also participate in outward bound activities.
* Performances! Throughout the year your child will have the opportunity to perform in NSW state competitions and in front of the CCPS school community.

**Instruments in the Band**

* Alto Saxophone
* Tenor Saxophone
* Bass Guitar
* Drums/Percussion
* Euphonium
* Flute
* French Horn
* Clarinet
* Trombone
* Trumpet
* Tuba
* Keyboard

**What’s the Commitment?**

**For Your Child:**

* 2 rehearsals a week – Monday 3.30-4.30pm and Wednesday Lunch.
* Weekly Tutor Lessons for your instrument.
* Attend Band Camp
* Practice!!
* Have Fun!!

**For the Parent**

* The CCPS Band Program is run by parents. You are required to supervise 2-3 band rehearsals per year.
* Costs: Band Fee $320 Band Camp $230. Instrument Hire (optional) $265.
* Tutor Fees range from $30-$40 per week.

**What Happens Next:**

* BLOW TESTS IN NOVEMBER:
Every child in Year 2 is invited to do a blow test in November (Date TBC). Prior to the Blow Test children are to pick 3 instruments they’d like to play. The tests are held during lunchtime and supervised by the band committee. We have 5-6 music tutors who help the children play the instrument and then give them a score out of 10 for each instrument. The score indicates how well suited the instrument is to the child, it is not about them being good or bad, it is about finding the right instrument for the child.
* OFFER TO JOIN BAND
Based on the blow test each child is offered a place in the band on a specific instrument. This will be a written offer to the parents.
* BAND REGISTRATION
If you’d like to accept the offer you complete the online registration in December. Choose if you will hire an instrument or purchase one yourself.
* BAND STARTS
At the beginning of Term 1. Hire instruments will be assigned at the beginning of 2017 also.

FAQ

* What if my child doesn’t want to play the instrument they have beenassigned? Talk to us – we do our best to work out a solution. We want band to be a positive experience.
* How do I find a tutor? We supply a tutor list but you are also free to find your own tutor. It is the parents job to find a tutor but we help where we can.
* Will I get a brand new instrument if I hire one? Maybe! We offer our hire instruments at significantly reduced rates but we can’t guarantee they will be new, although we buy new stock each year. They will be in good working order and regularly serviced. Some will have dents, this is ok they still sound good.
* What is a Blow Test: It’s an instrument trial. Our Music Tutors test your child’s aptitude on three instruments of your child’s choice. Each instrument is given a score out of 10. From here we work out which instrument is best for your child and offer your child a place in band. We’ve been using this system for a long time and it works very well.
* What if My Child is away on the day or forgets to go to The Shell? It’s ok we can work out another time to test them, they will not miss out.
* What instruments can my child choose? Flute, Clarinet, Trombone, Trumpet, Euphonium/Tuba, Sax, Tenor Sax, Percussion/Drums, French Horn or Bass Guitar.
* We’re not a musical family, I know nothing about these instruments, how do I choose? Watch YouTube with your child and pick out the ones they like. On the day we’ll steer your child toward the instrument that best suits them.
* We own an instrument I would like my child to play it in band, is this ok? Sure, as long as it is an instrument that is part of the band ensemble.
* My child already learns an instrument can they play it in band? Of course, as long as it is an instrument that is already part of the band ensemble.
* Do I need to be at the blow tests? No just remind your child in the morning to come along.
* Does my child need to take anything to the Blow Test? No, just themselves. Please fill out the online form first.

If you have any questions or concerns please call or email the head of the Band Committee, Belinda Abbott or Alex Gerber.

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