



The Value of Music Education

We consider it vital that our children learn the ‘three R’s’ at school. Why care about music? International and Australian research shows that learning music can make a significant difference to children's abilities. Studies have proven that children who are active music-makers are more likely to have improved maths and language skills, as well as better reasoning and problem-solving skills. Their memory is more likely to improve, as are their social and team skills.

Learning music can also improve children's motor skills and overall academic achievement. A landmark long-term study of 25,000 high school students over ten years showed that those students with sustained participation in school-based music activities performed better academically than non-musically active peers, regardless of the income status of their families.

Gouzouasis, P., Guhn, M., & Kishow, N., The relationship between achievement and participation in music and achievement in core grade twelve academic subjects, The University of British Columbia.

**Do these educational advantages sound appealing?
The BNSHS Instrumental Music Program is for you!**



Violin



Viola



Cello



Double Bass



Flute



Clarinet



Saxophone



Trumpet



Trombone



Percussion

Bundaberg and District Instrumental Music wish to offer your child a position in the Bundaberg North SHS Instrumental Music Program. As a member of the program, students will partake in **FREE weekly lessons** provided by Education Queensland Instrumental Music Teachers. These lessons are 30 minutes in length and are held during school time, at the school. Similar lessons taken outside of school can cost up to \$30 per half hour. This means you can save up to \$1000 per year, learning an instrument through your school.

As a member of the Instrumental Music Program, there are expectations for both students and parents.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS: #Provide your child with a suitable instrument after 12 months tuition #Maintain an interest in and support your child's music study, including practice and attendance at lessons and rehearsals. #Provide a safe place to store the instrument and help keep it clean and in good working order.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS: #Attend all lessons and rehearsals as required #Practice regularly at home for at least 3 times per week #Participate in all concerts, workshops & camps.

FEES: All students learning an instrument in Bundaberg pay an annual \$20 fee to the District Library to pay for new music used in ensembles, as well as covering the costs involved with photocopying music for workshops. While the weekly lessons are FREE of charge, students are asked to help with the maintenance of any school instruments they hire. The instrument hire fee is \$30 per year per instrument. These costs will be invoiced by the school.

If you wish your child to be considered for a place in the Instrumental Music program please fill out the BNSHS Instrumental Music Enrolment/Application Form and return it to the school office.



BNSHS Instrumental Music Enrolment/Application Form

Please circle: Application is for **Strings** and/or **Brass-Woodwind-Percussion**

Student's Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent email: _____ Student email (if suitable): _____

Students who have already been learning an instrument at school or privately

I will be able to supply my own instrument (Circle) YES NO

My child would like to continue their studies with the _____ (instrument)

Students new to BNSHS: My child has been learning the _____ for _____ months/years

NEW APPLICANTS to the Instrumental Music Program

I will be able to supply my own instrument (Circle) YES NO

My child would like to learn a musical instrument. Please list in order of preference:

STRINGS

_____ Violin _____ Viola _____ Cello _____ Double Bass

BRASS/WOODWIND/PERCUSSION

_____ Flute _____ Clarinet _____ Saxophone _____ Trumpet
_____ Trombone _____ Percussion

Conditions

Students will be advised by the Instrumental Music teacher as to success of enrolment application, and instrument hire availability. Successful applicants will be invoiced by the school.

I have read and understand the fees and conditions.

I have read and understand what is expected by students and parents in the Instrumental Music Program.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date