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Bella Vista School Band – Intermediate, Concert and String Orchestra Programs

The Bella Vista School Band Intermediate and Concert Program is open to students from Years 3-6. There may be exceptions within the program allowing experienced Year 1-2 students to participate. BVPS String Orchestra is open to students who have participated in the 2020 Kindy/Yr 1 program at BVPS or who have prior experience on a String instrument.

Joining the school band or orchestra requires a strong commitment from both students and parents to ensure our band and Orchestra's success. Students will be expected to attend rehearsals and performances. A Student Code of Conduct will need to be signed and adhered to at all times.

Placement in the Concert Band program is at the Music Director's discretion and not automatically guaranteed for Intermediate band members. This ensemble is the BVPS premiere Music Ensemble and all students should view this as an aspirational goal to be a part of this group.

Instruments

Students are expected to provide their own instrument. If unable to do so, you may be able to hire from Bella Vista Public School (fees and costs will apply) depending on Training Band numbers. Another alternative is hiring from the Department of Education <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/instrument-hire>. If you have any enquiries or require advice for the purchase of instruments, please contact Janelle McDonald on 0412 362 827 at the JHM office.

Band activities

Activities will include weekly band rehearsals, Band Camp/Workshop and internal/external performances. Permission requirements will be sent prior to any performances through SZapp or permission slips. There will be additional costs regarding Band Camp/Workshop.

Fees

- \$100 per term
- Band membership fee \$20 per term (to be invoiced by BVPS)
- Sheet music will be supplied

Private Music Lessons

It is a requirement of being in the Intermediate Band or String Orchestra that all students receive private music lessons. James Harris Music is happy to offer Bella Vista Public School a discount on student lessons for Term 1 2020-contact JHM Pty Ltd directly. If you have any enquiries, please contact Janelle McDonald on 0412 362 827 or office@jamesharrismusic.net. We look forward to developing your child's musical abilities and for your child to gain lifelong skills. Welcome to the Bella Vista Public School Band or Orchestra.

Creative Kids This is a NSW Government initiative where parents, guardians and carers can claim a \$100 voucher per year to use towards the cost of lessons and fees with registered providers. James Harris Music is a registered provider. <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creative-kids>

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