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Bella Vista School Band – Training Program

The Bella Vista School Training Band Program is open to students from Years 3 to 6. There may be exceptions within the program allowing experienced Year 2 students to participate. Joining the school band requires a strong commitment from both students and parents to ensure our school band's success. Students will be expected to attend rehearsals/performances and a Student Code of Conduct will need to be signed.

Instrument choice

Students have the following instruments to choose from, citing 3 preferences. Please note that there are a limited number of instruments to hire from our school: Flute, Trombone, Clarinet, Euphonium, Alto Saxophone, Bass Guitar, Tenor Saxophone, Percussion/Drums Trumpet.

**Please be aware that we will make every attempt to provide students with their instrument of choice although, the fitting test will show which instrument they display the most competency in.*

Band activities

Activities will include weekly band rehearsals and group tutorials as well as 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.

Instrument hire

BVPS has a stock of musical instruments available to hire on a first come first serve basis. If you decide to hire from the school, it is the parent's/carer's responsibility to cover repair costs if the instrument is damaged or lost. Instruments are usually handed out at the conclusion of the aptitude tests at the first rehearsal.

Fees

- Band Rehearsal \$100 per term
- Small Group tutorials \$120 per term
- Band membership fee \$20 per term (to be invoiced by BVPS)
- Instrument Hire: \$50 per term (to be invoiced by BVPS)
- Book: \$25 - \$30 (once off fee depending on instrument)

We, along with our Music Director James Harris, look forward to developing your child's musical abilities and for your child to gain lifelong skills. If you have any enquiries, please contact Janelle McDonald on 0412 362 827 or office@jamesharrismusic.net. Welcome to the Bella Vista Public School Training Band.

****Creative Kids** This is a NSW Government initiative (currently) where parents, guardians and carers can claim a \$100 voucher per year to put 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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