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Dear Parent/Guardian

### INFORMATION FOR YEAR 5 INSTRUMENTAL STUDENTS – 2018

It has been a wonderful year of growth and development in our strings and band instrument programme for our 2017 Year 4 students. Our student numbers have grown in both Junior Concert Band and Junior String Orchestra this term, creating a fantastic hive of activity around the Music Department and a great sense of achievement for our young musicians. We would like to continue this momentum into 2018 and offer your child a position in the CAC Music Academy.

You may ask, why should my child continue to play a musical instrument? The research into this question is quite extensive and the main reasons include:

1. Playing a musical instrument relieves stress and gives you a sense of achievement.
2. Playing a musical instrument makes you smarter and improves memory.
3. Playing a musical instrument improves your social life and is fun.
4. Playing a musical instrument helps build confidence and develops discipline.
5. Playing a musical instrument teaches patience and creativity.

Students in Year 5 in 2018, will be given the choice to continue their band and string instrumental music lessons. If a student chooses to continue, lessons will again be delivered **in a group format** with the lessons and instruments provided by the College. **A fee will not be charged for these lessons.** Parents may also elect to pay for private or paired lessons and the College will continue to provide an instrument if required.

It is a requirement of all Year 5 students involved in the Music Academy to participate in either the Junior Concert Band or Junior String Orchestra.

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| • Junior Concert Band     | Tuesday morning | 7.40am-8.25am |
| • Junior String Orchestra | Friday morning  | 7.40am-8.25am |

As the academic programme increases in Year 5, all of these group instrumental lessons will take place outside of class time. The times available are provided on the individual registration forms for this programme.

Parents will be required to purchase music books as assigned by the music tutor. The cost will be approximately \$30 each. The books will need to be purchased as the student progresses through the various levels of music development. The Music tutors will provide parents with information about how to purchase these books.

**Application forms are available from the Music Department for the Music Academy.** Please complete these forms before the end of Week 8 this term to enable the organisation of groups and instruments for next year.

Please contact myself, or Mrs Shelley Bissett or the Music tutors with any further queries. We look forward to continuing the development of your child's musical skills.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs Liz Smith

**HEAD OF MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC COORDINATOR**