



COOMERA
ANGLICAN
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians

2019 YEAR 4 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMME

In Year 4, all students at Coomera Anglican College experience the joy of learning a band or orchestral instrument as part of their Music education. This is compulsory, free of charge and enables all students to participate in small group lessons. Later in the year, they become part of a class band or orchestra. As part of the programme, students will be given a College instrument to play. Lessons are held weekly with our instrumental tutors in a rotating timetable.

At the start of the year, we hold a short concert in which the instrumental tutors demonstrate each instrument and we then begin the selection process. Year 4 students will go through a simple trial process with the instrumental tutors to confirm their suitability. Such things as body size, mouth structure and the ability to hold and transport large instruments are considered. The process will involve matching the right students for each instrument available at the College.

After the students have tried some instruments, a red note will be sent home for you to sign and confirm their choices. **Not all students will be allocated their most preferred instrument as there are limited numbers of each instrument**, however, the majority will get one of their three choices on their form. The instruments available for selection include: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Baritone, Trombone, Percussion, Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass. I would advise you to discuss which instruments your child might like to try. It can also be useful to look at and listen to them on the internet.

Students who currently have instrumental lessons on any of the above instruments may continue with that instrument in private lessons and also try an additional instrument as part of the free Year 4 programme. Alternatively, they may continue their current instrument as part of the Year 4 Programme in a special class for advanced students. This mainly applies to string, percussion and fife students.

More information will be given at the Parent Information Evening in Term One or, if you have any questions about this programme, please contact the Music Department on 5585 9940.

Yours sincerely

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