Dear Parents

The instrumental music program, co-ordinated by Emmaus College, is a structured tuition program for students wishing to learn strings (Violin, Viola, Cello), woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone), brass (Trumpet, Trombone) or Percussion instruments on a group basis. WE WELCOME NEW AND CONTINUING STUDENTS. Tuition is also available in Guitar and Piano, subject to tutor availability. The program’s aims are to develop a student’s musical experience through group lessons and through performance-based playing in an ensemble. These ensembles include Concert Band, String Orchestra, Jazz Band, Vocal Ensemble and many smaller ensembles. The time allocation for these ensembles will range from 3.15 pm to 4.30 pm or before school on the scheduled day. It is expected that students will participate in the corresponding school ensemble for their instrument (concert band, string ensemble, vocal ensemble) as part of their involvement in the music program. It is important to note that students can participate in any ensemble without having to undertake tuition from within the Instrumental Music Program.

It is envisaged that each participant will experience at least two contact periods per week, one in an instrumental lesson and at least one other in an ensemble rehearsal. Instruction durations will be of approximately 40 minutes per lesson. The minimum number of students per group will be no less than 2 and the maximum group size will not exceed 6 students. Student lessons will be timetabled on a rotational pattern. This is intended to minimise loss of class time in any one particular subject. Provision will be made for students wishing to undertake lessons before school, during lunch or after school. Given the limitation of these times, senior students will take priority in the first instance.

The cost of this program consists of:
- Enrolment reservation fee of $10 (payable with enrolment form)
- Instrument Hire - $26.00 per term.
- Tuition (group lessons) in Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Strings & Voice - $112 per term (based on 8 lessons/term)

**Strings, guitar and piano are billed directly by the tutor**

Available instruments for HIRE in 2017:
Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Clarinet#, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone# and Euphonium.
Due to the high demand for clarinet and trombone players, instrument hire is reduced to $16/term for 2017.

Understandably, we do not have a limitless supply of instruments and therefore interested students should submit their form as soon as possible. This year, new students are encouraged to nominate 3 instruments in order of preference, to avoid disappointment. Alternatively, if only one instrument is chosen and there are no places available on the nominated instrument, the student will be placed on a waiting list.

Regards,

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