



Year 3 is when recruitment for group lessons begins. It is school initiated and students are invited to participate. Once students have been accepted into our group lesson program, they will continue with the same instrument for Primary School. Students undertaking these group lessons are expected to take part in our ensemble program when they are musically ready.

- Undertake one rehearsal per week, and various performances throughout the year, which may occur outside of school hours. (No make-up lessons will be granted to students who miss their group lesson).
- Required to attend group lessons if they have forgotten their instrument.

Costs

The cost of string and band program is an additional cost.

Strings Program

The Mueller Strings program commences in Year 3, with a term-long

introduction to stringed instruments during Term 2. This is done during scheduled classroom music lessons each week. Students who demonstrate a high level of natural ability or potential on their instrument are offered a place in *Pizzicato Strings*.

The program involves students participating in one group lesson each week and one ensemble rehearsal each week. There is an expectation that students will develop their skills enough to join Junior Strings and then Mueller String Orchestra.

Instruments taught include:

- Violin, viola, cello, double bass

Band Program

Students are recruited in Year 3 to commence band lessons from the beginning of Year 4. The program is school initiated and students are invited to an information afternoon. Students are introduced to different instruments and assessed for suitability and then offered a place in the program (or waiting list). Students will train briefly before forming a concert band. Learning an instrument takes many years and mastery even longer. Students are strongly encouraged to continue with group lessons and participate in Concert Band right through primary school. There is an expectation that

students will develop their skills enough to join Marching Band, Drumline, Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Bands in high school years.

Instruments taught include:

- *Woodwind*: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone and Tenor Saxophone.
- *Brass*: Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium and Tuba
- *Percussion*: Tuned (Mallet Percussion), and Untuned (various drums – not drumkit)

Instrument Support for Programs

If needed, all instruments are available for use during the first year of lessons. Students will need to purchase their own instrument for the second year of learning. Owning an instrument creates a more invested learner and allows the following cohort similar access to instruments for their beginning experience.

Some of the larger instruments are loaned on an on-going agreement. These are usually the larger and more expensive instruments such as: Oboe, Bass Clarinet, Baritone Saxophone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba and Double Bass.

For more information:

Visit 'Handbooks and Documents' under the Community tab on **Mueller Connect** - www.muellerconnect.com, **Parent Portal**. You can also contact the Arts Office on 3897 2859 or email artsoffice@mueller.qld.edu.au.