Dear Parents,

Students entering Year 4 will have the opportunity to take part in the Introduction to a String Instrument Programme as part of their curriculum Music education at Macarthur. The programme aims at introducing students to the experience associated with playing a string instrument and has the outcome of giving each student the necessary skill base to perform at a beginner level on their chosen instrument.

Small group tuition by experienced and talented Music tutors and Macarthur staff will be available to all Year 4 students. Tutorials for 2013 will be available in violin, viola and cello. Extension tutorials will be available to those students who currently have peripatetic lessons on a string instrument.

As part of the Music curriculum students will be required to make it a priority to find five, ten minute sessions in the week to practise their instrument at home and parents will be asked to record their child’s progress in the school diary. The implementation of skills learnt in class time through home practice is an essential component to the success of learning an instrument.

The experience of combined groups and ensembles is an exciting component of the Programme. It gives students their first experience of the dynamics associated with group music rehearsals. The ultimate aim is to encourage students to participate in the many co-curricular music options available to them as they progress into Year 5 and beyond.

Your child is required to select the instrument that they would like to play for Year 4. Please take some time to discuss instrument choices with your child and complete the form attached to this letter. Every attempt will be made to accommodate each student’s first preference. However, allocation of instruments will be influenced by tutorial group sizes and instrument availability.

Each Year 4 student will receive an instrument at the commencement of their participation in the programme. Students will be required to care for the instrument and the Music books that they have been allocated and return them in reasonable condition at the completion of the school year. Please advise the School in writing of any loss or damage incurred to the instrument that your child has been allocated.

Please return the Instrument Selection Form to the Administration Centre as soon as possible. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marrable at school.

Yours sincerely,

Timothy Cartwright
Dean of Students
SELECT A STRING INSTRUMENT YEAR 4 PROGRAMME 2013 SELECTION FORM
Please return this form to the Administration Centre.

Child’s name: ..................................................................................................................

Current Class: ..............................................................................................................

My child in 2013 has had peripatetic (private) lessons:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list instrument/s

1. ..............................................................................
2. ..............................................................................
3. ..............................................................................

My child would like to learn as first preference in the Year 4 String Programme:

☐ Violin ☐ ‘Cello
☐ Viola

My child’s second preference would be:

☐ Violin ☐ ‘Cello
☐ Viola

My child owns their own instrument:

☐ Yes ☐ No

My child requires an instrument to be provided:

☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to receive information regarding peripatetic lessons for 2013:

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Parent Name: ........................................Parent Signature: ......................... Date: ...........

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String Instrument allocated for 2013:

☐ Violin
☐ Viola
☐ ‘Cello
☐ Peripatetic Tutorial Ensemble