Dear Parents,

Students entering Year 5 will have the opportunity to take part in the Introduction Band Instrument Programme as part of their curriculum Music education at Macarthur. The programme aims at introducing students to the experience associated with playing either a Concert Band instrument (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and percussion) or Drum Corps (side and tenor drums). The programme will have the outcome of students having the basic skills to perform at a beginner level in an ensemble on their chosen instrument.

Small group tuition, run by experienced and talented Music tutors and Macarthur staff will be provided to all Year 5 students. Tutorials in 2013 will be available in flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, percussion, side and tenor drums.

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 tutorial groups and whole band rehearsals is an exciting component of the Programme. It gives students their first experience of the dynamics associated with ensemble rehearsals. The ultimate aim is to encourage students to participate in the many co-curricular music options available to Macarthur students. Year 5 students who are progressing and enjoying playing their instrument are encouraged to participate in Preparatory Band or in the Macarthur Drum Corps Programme.

Your child is required to select the instrument that they would like to play for Year 5 from the options provided. Please take some time to discuss instrument choices with your child and then complete the form attached to this letter. Every attempt will be made to accommodate each student’s first preference. However, on occasion due to tutor and instrument availability second choice options may be allocated to students. Final decisions will be made by Mrs Marrable, Head of Music in consultation with Music Faculty staff.

Each Year 5 student will receive an instrument at the commencement of the school year in Week 2 of Summer Term 2013. 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 attached form to the Administration Centre. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marrable on 4647 5333.

Yours sincerely,

Timothy Cartwright
Dean of Students
YEAR 5 SELECT A BAND INSTRUMENT PROGRAMME 2013 SELECTION FORM
Please return this form to the Administration Centre

Student Name: .................................................................
Current Class: .................................................................
My child has peripatetic (private) lessons:

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Please list instrument/s
1. .................................................................
2. .................................................................
3. .................................................................

My child would like to learn as first preference
(please select one instrument only):

BAND PROGRAMME
☐ Flute
☐ Clarinet
☐ Trumpet
☐ Trombone
☐ Percussion

DRUM CORPS
☐ Tenor Drums
☐ Side Drums

As a second preference I would like consideration
to be given to my child learning:

Select the instrument from the above list:

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My child owns their own instrument:

☐ Yes  ☐ No

My child requires an instrument to be provided:

☐ Yes  ☐ No

My child would be interested in participating in
the 2013 Co-Curricular Programme:

☐ Preparatory Band
☐ Preparatory Orchestra
☐ Drum Corps

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

☐ Yes - Please indicate instrument/s
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Parents Name: ................................. Signature: ................................. Date: .................................

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Band Instrument allocated for 2013

BAND  ☐ Flute ☐ Clarinet ☐ Trumpet ☐ Trombone ☐ Percussion

DRUM CORPS  ☐ Tenor Drums ☐ Side Drums