31 January 2013

Band and String ‘Time to Make a Choice’ Year 6 Programme 2013

Dear Parents,

Students entering Year 6 have the opportunity to take part in the ‘Time to Make a Choice’ Programme as part of their curriculum Music education at Macarthur. In Year 6 the Band and String Programme is being offered to students as a preferred choice. Children will be able to consolidate and continue their studies on either the string or band instrument learnt in previous programmes to help them prepare for Music classes in Year 7 and beyond.

Small group tuition, run by experienced and talented tutors and Music staff, along with band and string ensemble classes will be available to all students.

As part of the Music curriculum for 2013 students will be expected to find time to practise their instrument for a minimum requirement of ten minutes for five days of the week and parents will be asked to record their child’s progress in the School diary.

It is Macarthur’s desire that students have a rich and varied musical experience. Accordingly the Year 6 programme is designed to accommodate students who have developed their gifts and talents in different musical areas of interest. If your child is currently receiving peripatetic lessons in one instrument you may select the programme, which develops skills in a second instrument. The programme is a continuation of the Year 4 String and Year 5 Band Programmes and subsequently it is recommended that choices be made accordingly.

Please take time to discuss instrument choices with your child and then complete the selection form attached to this letter. Every attempt will be made to accommodate each student’s first preference. However, dependent on tutorial sizes and instrument availability, final decisions will be made by Mrs Marrable, Head of Music in consultation with Music Faculty staff and your child’s current Music teacher.

Each Year 6 student will receive an instrument at the commencement of the School year in Week 2 of the Summer Term. 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.

In addition to the classroom curriculum programmes students in Year 6 will be encouraged to participate in the Co-curricular Music Programme. Preparatory Orchestra, Preparatory Band and Macarthur Drum Corps will be offered to Year 6 students in 2013. Through participation in the co-curricular programme, your child has the opportunity to benefit from the ensemble experience of playing repertoire and performing in a variety of performances with students from different year groups. Rehearsal information for each of the available co-curricular groups is available from the Administration Centre.

Please return the survey 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 6 Band and String Programme Instrument Selection 2013

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 learnt in the String Programme in Year 4:

☐ Violin  ☐ Cello
☐ Viola  ☐ N/A
☐ Flute  ☐ Trumpet
☐ Clarinet  ☐ Trombone
☐ Side Drums  ☐ Percussion
☐ Tenor Drums  ☐ N/A

My child learnt in the Band Programme in Year 5:

☐ Flute  ☐ Clarinet
☐ Trumpet  ☐ Trombone
☐ Tenor Drums  ☐ Percussion
☐ Euphonium  ☐ Percussion

My child’s first instrument preference in Year 6 ‘Time to Make a Choice 2013’ is (please select one instrument only):

STRING PROGRAMME

☐ Violin  ☐ Viola
☐ Cello  ☐ N/A

OR

BAND PROGRAMME

☐ Flute  ☐ Clarinet
☐ Trumpet  ☐ Trombone
☐ Euphonium  ☐ Percussion

OR

DRUM CORPS

☐ Side Drum
☐ Tenor Drum

As a second preference I would like consideration to be given to my child learning in Year 6:

Select the an 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 Orchestra
☐ Preparatory Band
☐ Drum Corps

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

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☐ String Programme  ☐ Band Programme  ☐ Drum Corps Programme

Instrument allocation for 2013: ........................................................................