29 January 2008

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT 2008

Thank you for showing an interest in the Peripatetic Programme offered at Macarthur Anglican School. The following will help you to determine your son/ daughter’s interest in the programme.

Currently tuition is available for the following instruments:

- BAGPIPES
- DRUMS: Snare, Tenor, Bass
- STRING: Violin, Viola, ‘Cello, Double Bass
- VOICE
- PIANO
- WOODWIND: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon, and Oboe
- GUITAR: Acoustic, Electric and Bass Guitar
- BRASS: Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, French Horn
- THEORY and MUSICIANSHP
- PERCUSSION: Mallet percussion, Timpani, Drum kit

Please complete the information below to enable the organization of lessons. If you have a preferred Music Tutor you wish your child to learn from please indicate (if left blank, Macarthur will allocate a Tutor).

Student Name: .................................................. Class/Tutor Group: .........................

Instrument 1: ...........................................................................................................

Tutor: ....................................................................................................................

Instrument 2: ...........................................................................................................

Tutor: ....................................................................................................................

Instrument 3: ...........................................................................................................

Tutor: ....................................................................................................................
Previous musical experience:

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Please read the attached conditions before signing this form and return to the Administration Centre by Friday 25 January 2008.

I hereby agree with the attached conditions for the Peripatetic Music Programme at Macarthur.

Parent’s Name: ......................................................................................................................

Parent’s Signature: .............................................. Date: ..............................................
Confirmation of lesson time/s for 2008

INSTRUMENT 1: .................................................................
TUTOR: ........................................................................
DAY OF LESSON: ........................................................
TIME OF LESSON: .....................................................
ROOM: ........................................................................
DATE COMMENCEMENT: ...........................................

INSTRUMENT 2: .................................................................
TUTOR: ........................................................................
DAY OF LESSON: ........................................................
TIME OF LESSON: .....................................................
ROOM: ........................................................................
DATE COMMENCEMENT: ...........................................

INSTRUMENT 1: .................................................................
TUTOR: ........................................................................
DAY OF LESSON: ........................................................
CONDITIONS FOR PERIPATETIC MUSIC PROGRAMME

Fees

• The recommended tuition fee for 2008 is $28.00 (please note that the recommended rate set by the AMA is $31.00 per 30 minute lesson). Some peripatetic tutors may charge a little above or below this amount.
• Please note that bagpipe and drum (snare and tenor) are charged at rate of $5.00 per lesson.
• Commencing in 2008 all music lessons received after school hours will be considered as being part of the Macarthur Community Academy of Music and will incur a $20.00 additional fee per term as billed by the tutor.

Enrolment Conditions

• Enrolment is for the calendar year or the remainder thereof.
• Written notice of discontinuation of tuition must be received four weeks prior to the end of a term addressed to the Head of Music. In the event of no notice being given fees are payable until lessons are formally cancelled.
• Students will receive lessons on a weekly basis according to the length of each term.
• Lessons are of thirty minutes’ duration and are timetabled during class time. Effort is made to find the most suitable time for each student.
• Notification of non-attendance needs to be received by the Music Tutor at least 24 hours prior to the lesson time for lessons to be rescheduled. Parents and students need to make direct contact with the tutor to make alternate lesson arrangements. This will be strictly adhered to.
• Lessons which are missed and not rescheduled as outlined above must be paid for. In incidences of student illness notification as soon as possible should be given directly to the tutor.
• When lessons coincide with a school activity, for example sports days, camps, special class excursions or tests, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the music tutor and arrange a suitable alternate time. Failure to do so will mean the lesson is forfeited and must be paid for.
• In the event of the Music Tutor not being available, missed lessons will be rescheduled or if this is not possible they will not be charged to accounts.
• Tuition fees are payable for the entire term within two weeks of receiving an account from the tutor. Tutors will issue receipts for money paid. It is recommended payment be by cheque.

Infants School and Junior School Students

• Students will be allocated a lesson time for each term.
• Students will be collected from their classroom and returned to it by their music tutor.

Middle School and Senior School Students

• Each term lessons are timetabled on a set day at a set time based on the week A and B timetable. It must be understood that once a student is allocated a lesson time this is a fixed weekly commitment for the duration of the term.
• Each term lesson times will be rescheduled.
• Lesson times are published each day of the week on the Daily Information Sheet. The Daily Information Sheet is posted on notice boards around the school. Each student is required to read the Daily Information Sheet as part of his or her daily routine as explained in the School diary. Although students are allocated a fixed time, they will need to check weekly times due to variations in the school routine.
• No lessons are scheduled during examinations week for Middle School and Senior School students.
Confirmation of lessons

- To facilitate direct communication between tutors and parents, a student information sheet will be prepared and forwarded to the Music tutor.
- Confirmation of lessons and allocation of tutor, tutor details and lesson time will be advised in written form to students and parents.

Practice

- For progress to take place no matter which instrument is being played or the age of the student, regular practice is the key to success. There are many ways in which you can assist your child achieve their goals. Please discuss the individual requirements and suitable strategies with your child’s Music Tutor.
- It is essential that each student practise his or her instrument regularly. For beginners this should be approximately 20 minutes per day, five days a week. This amount of time will increase as the student progresses. Tutors will advise each student as to the amount of time required to practise each day.
- Instruments can be hired by a private arrangement outside of Macarthur. If you would like information please contact the Head of Music.
- Students must have an instrument to practise and they are required to bring this instrument as well as their music to each lesson.

Examinations and Performance opportunities

- Students are strongly encouraged to undertake performance and theory examinations while in the peripatetic music programme.
- Throughout the year a number of performance opportunities have been scheduled for students to participate in both group and individual contexts. Tutors have details of all concerts and students are strongly advised to participate wherever possible.

Reports

- A report on each student’s progress will be prepared by the Music tutor and will be forwarded at the end of each semester.

Music Buddy

- Students are encouraged to have a music buddy who will collect class information and pass on homework details from missed class time.

Please contact Mrs Inés Marrable on 4629 6269 or by email imarrable@mas.nsw.edu.au for any further details or information which you may require relating to your child’s lessons, suitability to an instrument or for rental arrangements.

Please retain for future reference