



2020 Primary Beginner Instrumental Program Recruitment

Dear Parents,

Students at RJAS are invited to participate in the Primary Beginner Instrumental Program. The groups on offer in 2020 are;

Groovy Guitars - a Primary Beginner Guitar Program: consisting of a weekly 30-minute tutorial; and a 45-minute Ensemble rehearsal.

Beginner (Novello) Strings - consisting of a weekly 30-minute tutorial; and a 45-minute Ensemble rehearsal.

Beginner Concert Band - consisting of a weekly 30-minute tutorial; and a 45-minute Ensemble rehearsal.

Independent studies have indicated that between the approximate ages of 8 - 10 years of age a child has the fine motor co-ordination and maturity to cope with the rigors of learning and committing to a musical instrument. Therefore, to be eligible to apply, a student should be in:

- this year's **Year 3** (or above) for **Groovy Guitar Ensemble**
- this year's **Year 3** (or above) for **Novello Strings**
- this year's **Year 4** (or above) for **Beginner Concert Band**.

Students will undertake a number of brief melodic and rhythmic activities to assess their musical readiness for an ensemble tutorial in a group situation. The students will then be assessed on their suitability for a particular instrument. It is most important to understand that there are fees associated with the Beginner Instrumental Program. Membership fees are \$50 per term. This includes a weekly 45-minute Beginner Band/Strings rehearsal, plus a weekly 30-minute group tutorial. Students who are accepted into the Beginner Instrumental Program but do not own their own instrument may hire a School Instrument at an additional rate of \$50 per term. Instrumental Program fees are added to each term's School Fees. If your child discontinues the Beginner Instrumental program during the year, notification **in writing to the Music Co-ordinator** is required and **no adjustment** will be made to fees payable for that term.

If you would like your child to participate in this practical assessment, please complete the permission note below, and return to me **via email by Friday 14 February 2020**.

My email address is: nrobertson@rjas.nsw.edu.au

Kind regards,

Narelle Robertson

Music Curriculum Co-ordinator



PERMISSION FORM - RJAS Primary Beginner Instrumental Program 2020

Dear Mrs Robertson,

I give permission for my child _____ of Class/Year _____ to try out for the 2020 RJAS Primary Beginner Instrumental Program.

I have noted the following *eligibility requirements*:

- Eligibility for the **Groovy Guitar** Program – *must be in Year 3 or above*
- Eligibility for the **Novello Strings** Program – *must be in Year 3 or above*
- Eligibility for the **Beginner Concert Band** Program – *must be in Year 4 or above*

I have indicated my child's top 3 preferences by placing a number next to the instrument name.

- Flute (Beginner Concert Band)
- Clarinet/Bass Clarinet (Beginner Concert Band)
- Oboe (Beginner Concert Band)
- Alto/Tenor Saxophone (Beginner Concert Band)
- Trumpet (Beginner Concert Band)
- Trombone (Beginner Concert Band)
- Glockenspiel/Xylophone/Marimba/Drumkit (Beginner Concert Band)
- Violin (Novello Strings)
- Viola (Novello Strings)
- Cello (Novello Strings)
- Acoustic Guitar/Electric Guitar (Groovy Guitars)
- Bass Guitar (Groovy Guitars)

My child already has their own instrument: **YES / NO** Instrument: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____