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Dear Parents and Carers

The NSW Department of Education issued new COVID guidelines for schools, which come into effect this Thursday 20th August. In order to comply with these new rules, we will have to make some changes to how our band program can operate. **Thank you for your patience and support in these very tricky times!** The new rules will continue until advised otherwise.

Wind instrument tutorials will no longer be allowed to occur in groups, but can continue individually. This rule does not apply to percussion groups.

Most of our wind tutorial groups consist of two students. To manage this change, we will break these group lessons into 15-minute individual blocks of one-on-one tuition. **All students will still attend lessons in their current time-slot.** While they are waiting for their one-one-one lesson, students can set up their instrument and observe the other student's lesson, from a distance of at least 3 metres. This will save in change-over time, and also involve learning through observation.

Mr Connor will contact parents directly whose children are in tuition groups of three students, to discuss how their times will change slightly.

Band Rehearsals will no longer be allowed for wind instruments under the new regulations. We are still looking at creative options for how to keep band going without rehearsing face to face as a group. Stay tuned!

Tuition fees will remain the same for this term. We may need to adjust the band administration fee (\$35 band directors fee), depending on how we are able to manage the limitations on rehearsals. We will contact parents regarding this soon.

Under the new regulations, **Choir and Recorder groups** will no longer be allowed. Singing in groups, including during class time and SRE/SEE classes will no longer be allowed.

Thank you once again for all the support you have given your children's music education during the challenges of a pandemic. We hope to be sending out a link to a video of the school band's Education Week 'zoom performance' soon, just waiting on a few edits to make it into manageable file sizes.

Warm regards

Patrick Connor
Music Teacher

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Principal