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Instrument Tutorials During Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 4th May 2020

I hope you are all coping with these challenging times! I have returned from long service leave and I am eager to get our fabulous band program back up and running. In times when we are encouraged to be socially isolating, I am hoping that the creativity and connections of the band program may be one thing that helps our kids through.

The unpredictability of the COVID-19 situation means we are relying on online learning platforms. This presents challenges, yet also opportunities for students and their parents alike. The plan for our program this term is as follows:

- Instrument tutorials will be delivered with a program combining recorded video lessons and Zoom lessons.
- The video lessons will be delivered each week via the online platform "Flipgrid". In this system, students receive a short video lesson, which they will replay, scroll through and practise along with repeatedly. They also submit a video response to the tutor.
- I will also schedule two Zoom meeting group tutorials for the term, to allow more immediate questions and connection between students and teachers. These will replace the video lessons for the weeks that they run.
- I have also scheduled a Zoom meeting for students who are in the school band on Wednesday 13th May, Week 3, at 2pm. This is the normal timeslot for school band. Details of Zoom meetings will be planned after that, possibly in smaller instrument sections. These will facilitate a short collage video of some of the work by band students.
- Tutorials will start in Week 3. We need to get our band contracts returned and signed by end of Week 3-Friday 15th May. To assist with scheduling, please advise the school as soon as possible if you need to withdraw your child from instrument lessons. Thank you.

The late start to the term and streamlining of tutorials through online lessons means we will not need to make the planned increase in tutorial fees this term. We will however still need to reinstate the band director fee, which was suspended last year.

Term 2 fees will be as follows:

- o Tutorial Fees: \$105
- o Band Director Fee: \$35
- o Wind Instrument Hire: \$50
- o Percussion Hire: \$5

We understand that this is may be a stressful time for many families as social restrictions have undermined many people's income. Please get in touch with the school if you need extra time to meet payments. I am hopeful we can keep our fabulous band program going and support our children's creativity and music education to help us through this unique time.

Regards,

Patrick Connor
Music Teacher

Jodie Field
Relieving Principal