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2025 School Organisation

Dear parents/carers,

As we approach the end of the year, I realise many of you are thinking of what 2025 will bring for your child here at Leura Public School. The staff have been working on our intended organisation, so I am sharing some of this with you now. Please keep in mind that this is our current plan. If circumstances change over the holidays or into the start of next year, the plan may need to change. Also, I can appreciate that as parents you may have preferences for which teacher/s you would like for your child/children, however, I will not be accepting requests for particular teachers.

Our projected student enrolments are 216, which means we will form 8 classes plus a Multi-Categorical Class for students with disabilities. Our teaching staff will remain consistent, with a mix of permanent and temporary teachers.

The teachers allocated to our classes (at this point) are:

- K/1 – Miss. Jessica Colless
- K/1 – Miss. Chelsea Parker
- 1/2 – Mrs. Dani Aldred
- 2/3 – Mrs. Hannah Bucholtz
- 3/4 – Mr. Steve Atkinson
- 4/5 – Mrs. Haley McGown
- 5/6 – Mrs. Justine Jinks
- 5/6 – Mrs. Jodie Field
- MC – Mr. Patrick Angel

Our RFF and Support part-time roles (at this point) are:

- RFF Creative Arts (Visual Arts and Drama): Ms. Laurice Ghannoum
- Teacher Librarian: Mrs. Lauren Halse
- Learning & Support Teacher: Mrs. Renee Krasinski
- QuickSmart and Executive Day RFF Release– Mrs. Rebecca Hutchinson

Music Program

During 2025 a new syllabus for Creative Arts will be released for implementation. In 2025, our school teaching team will be receiving professional learning to implement the K-6 syllabus for Creative Arts Music in our classrooms across the school.

Leura Instrumental Music Program and Band

I would like to thank Mr. Patrick Connor, Mrs. Haley McGown and Mrs. Vanessa Cartwright, along with our instrumental music tutors Mr. Matt Tonks and Mr. Tim Oram for their dedication and hard work to



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the music programs at our school over the years. The school has recently reviewed its capacity to provide both the school band and the instrumental music tuition program in their current model and due to the resources, expertise and administration time required, the school has sought external support to provide this valuable service to maintain the high quality service and ensure there is a sustainable and viable school band at Leura Public School for many more generations. We want our students to enjoy making music with friends, building camaraderie and a strong sense of accomplishment as part of our school band program.

During 2025, the school will be using an external provider Mr. Peter Earl, The Music Guy, to coordinate, organise and conduct the school band and tuition program for students (Years 3-6) learning musical instruments at Leura Public School. Mr. Peter Earl, an experienced primary school teacher until 2021, now runs concert band programs throughout the Greater Western Sydney Area. Peter was recently nominated for an ARIA Music Teacher Award for his innovative approach to engaging young minds through concert band programs that incorporate body percussion, theatrics, and games. You can see some of his rehearsals in action by visiting www.tinyurl.com/themusicguy We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Peter (aka The Music Guy) to build a fun and successful band program at Leura Public School.

On Monday 16th December 2024, 9:30am, Mr. Earl will be visiting Leura Public School to meet students, showcase some musical instruments and give an overview of his band and tuition program. If parents/carers have any questions please email the school leura-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will forward them on to Peter.

We have had the privilege of working with several staff during 2024 who will not be returning to Leura Public School in 2025. I would like to thank Miss. Abbey Fellows, Mr. Chris Dodds, Mrs. Jacqui Thompson, Mrs. Kaz O'Donohue, Miss. Vanessa Cartwright, Miss. Emma Jinks, Mrs. Amanda Nelson and Mrs. Catriona Carver for their service, time and teaching at Leura Public School. I would like to wish them all the best as they embark on new adventures in their careers.

I hope you and your children will enjoy these final school days for 2024. Please stay safe, enjoy the festive season and I look forward to a positive and fantastic 2025.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

May Ptolemy
Principal