

The Training Band Program is offered to Year 6 and Year 7 students at Casey Grammar. This is an exciting opportunity for students with little or no experience to learn to play an instrument and be part of a performing Concert Band. The aim of the program is to give students a fun and exciting musical experience, while at the same time learning the skills to play an instrument and become a valued member of our school's Music Department.

Learning a musical instrument can enhance a student's overall learning experience and has proven benefits for Maths and Languages. Being a member of a band also enhances discipline, cooperative learning and students' identity with school.

As this ensemble will be a Concert Band, it is important that we have good balance of instruments. We are asking all interested students to list their instrument preferences; however it is important to note that first preferences cannot be guaranteed. We will endeavor to find a suitable instrument in those cases.

The instruments required for this ensemble are:

Trumpets (6)	Trombones (4)	French Horns (2)
Tuba (1-2)	Clarinets (8)	Alto Sax (2)
Tenor Sax (1)	Flutes (8)	Double Bass/Electric (2)
Percussion (Includes Mallet Percussion) (4)		

Cost

\$500 per year and will be billed to you family account in Term 2

This includes – 1 Group lesson per week, 1 band rehearsal per week, Instrument hire and all music & books.

Commitment:

Once students are enrolled in the program it is a requirement that they remain with the ensemble until the end of the year. Students are expected to attend all lessons, rehearsals & performances and practice at home a minimum of 4 times per week for 20 minutes. Encouragement from parents is always helpful when it comes to home practice.

If you would like your child to be involved in the Training Band Program please fill out the included application form and return to the Music Department.

We greatly appreciate your support of this initiative. Should you have any questions please call or email me and I'll endeavor to get back to you as soon as possible.



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Training Band Program – 2017 Application Form



Student's First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Year Level in 2017: _____

Previous Learning Experience

Instrument	Years Learnt	Standard (eg: AMEB Level)

Do you own your own instrument? YES NO

If yes, Instrument / Brand: _____

Other Information (e.g. bands you have played in, theory, leads/parts in school musical etc.)

Instrument Preference

Number your preference 1 -8. *Note: Places are limited and you may not get your first preference*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Trumpet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trombone	<input type="checkbox"/>	French Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuba
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alto Sax	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tenor Sax	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electric Bass	<input type="checkbox"/>	Percussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clarinet				

PLEASE NOTE: A balanced band is required for this Program to be successful. Therefore it is important to have a selection of instruments and we will assist students in choosing an appropriate instrument if required.

I request that my child be considered for inclusion the Casey Grammar Training Band Program. I understand this will require a commitment of time and effort that will include:

- Participation in the program for the whole year
- Attending weekly lessons on a rotating timetable (and following up on missed classwork)
- Attending a weekly ensemble rehearsal (rehearsal time – Wednesdays 12.30pm to 1.30pm)
- 20 minute practice, 4 times per week
- Attendance at scheduled concerts and performances

Parent / Guardian: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Email Address: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Signed: _____ (Student)

Date: _____ / _____ / _____