



Yr 5/6 Band Program Information

Dear Parents

All students in Years 5/6 learn a Brass or Woodwind instrument (flute, clarinet, alto or tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone) for **one semester during class music lessons** as part of the Year 5/6 Band Program.

The hire of these instruments is included in your child's composite fees and there is great excitement as classes earn points throughout the semester and compete in a "Battle of the Bands" concert to finish.

At the end of the semester, students have the opportunity to continue learning their instrument by signing up for individual tuition lessons. During the Yr 5/6 Band Program it is not expected that you receive further tuition from a tutor but if students wish to begin individual lessons at the College, please see details provided below and contact tmedhurst@emmauscc.sa.edu.au.

Emmaus Christian College supports parents in developing the art of music for their children to glorify/worship God. We strongly encourage our students to continue learning their instrument after the Band Program and the following details are provided for your information.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AVAILABLE

Clarinet

Flute

Trumpet

Trombone

Saxophone

INSTRUMENTAL NIGHTS

A variety of evenings are scheduled throughout the year giving our instrumental students opportunity to perform in front of an audience. We encourage all students to perform irrespective of their ability. Students learning an instrument outside of the College are also encouraged to perform.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE LEVELS

Every student who learns an instrument at the College participates in Music Performance Levels. This is a program created by the Music Coordinator F-12 in collaboration with the college music tutors to give students a performance opportunity and to give a measure of how they are progressing on their instrument. Learning an instrument is a journey, requiring time and commitment to further develop their skills. Performance Levels enable us to celebrate their journey along the way. At the end of each semester students perform for two instrumental music tutors/class music teachers. These two markers confirm if the student is performing at their allocated level (Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum). Certificates are awarded and presented at assembly to acknowledge their commitment to learning their instrument. Please note that one instrumental tuition lesson per semester will be replaced by this performance.

JUNIOR CONCERT BAND AND MUSIC ENSEMBLES

When a student is proficient on their chosen instrument they will be encouraged to audition for a College ensemble. We currently have a Junior, Middle & Senior Worship band, Senior Primary Choir, Junior (Yr 3/4) Choir, Junior School Concert Band, Stage Band, Drum Corp and Vocal, Chamber, Rock and Guitar ensembles. Ensembles are formed due to student demand.

PERFORMANCE UNIFORM

Students who are part of the following ensembles perform outside of the college and require the formal college uniform, this includes a blazer and for boys, a tie and long pants even if in Junior and Middle School - Stage Band, Chamber Ensemble and Junior Concert Band.