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Instrumental Band Program – Introduction

Dear Parent,

Today your child attended a Band Demonstration Concert at school showcasing the various brass, woodwind and percussion instruments available for students to learn in 2010. If you would like more information on the school band program please return the *Expression of Interest* below within **5 DAYS** to your school office.

If we receive your *Expression of Interest* **within 5 days**, a time will be arranged for your child to meet with the Band Director to try out the instruments available to learn. At this time, an *Enrolment Pack* will be sent home with your child containing detailed information about TSA's School Band Program. There will also be a summary of your child's instrument 'test run' with any recommendations regarding instrument choice and suitability.

Below is an outline of **how** our Band Program works and **what** the costs are to you. Additional information will be sent home in your *Enrolment Pack*.

HOW our Band Program works:

A professional musician/teacher conducts a weekly *band rehearsal* (large ensemble) for 30-45 minutes before school, **PLUS** teaches students on the same day in 30-minute *group lessons* (approx 5 per group). Group lessons are timetabled during school time in conjunction with class teachers. Home practice is also essential.

WHAT the costs are to you:

- **Tuition fees** (includes a weekly 30 minute group lesson **and** weekly band rehearsal) – \$130 per term (students who elect to receive external, private tuition can enroll in the large rehearsal only known as *band only* – \$65 per term)
- **An Instrument** can be **purchased** (expect to pay at least \$650 for a decent quality new wind or brass instrument, slightly less second hand), **hired** (TSA runs a rent-to-buy scheme starting at \$42 per month) or occasionally **borrowed** from family, friends, school or community bands.
- **Other costs** include a tutor book – \$14.95, optional music stand – \$20, plus occasional accessories such as reeds (\$2-3), plastic sleeve folders, band music, etc.



Please return this form to your school office within 5 days to ensure your child is called for instrument testing.

Expression of Interest – School Band Program

Student Name: _____ School _____

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____ Class (2009) _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Wk) _____ (Mob) _____

Email Address: _____

(email is the fastest and most effective means of communication to streamline your child's enrolment process)

Signature: _____ Date: / /