



Runcorn State School Instrumental Music Recruitment Policy

Runcorn State School offers a Strings program starting in Year 3 and a Band program beginning in Year 4. Recruitment for Strings occurs in Year 2, and for Band in Year 3.

Recruitment Process

Our comprehensive recruitment process in Term 3 includes:

- Expression of Interest (EOI) submission
- Aural skills test
- Review of classroom music results, effort, and behaviour
- Consultation with classroom teachers
- Family support and interest
- Physical suitability assessment for instruments

Expression of Interest (EOI)

An EOI form is distributed in Term 3. Parents must complete and return this form for consideration.

DASE Aural Skills Test

The DASE Aural Skills Evaluation Test assesses students' abilities to recognize pitch, melody, rhythm, and harmony. This test is administered in Term 3 during Classroom Music for Years 2 and 3.

Academic Results

Classroom Music results are reviewed as part of the selection process.

Behaviour and Effort

Students demonstrating a high level of effort and behaviour are prioritised.

Classroom Teacher Consultation

A student's ability to work independently, manage responsibilities, and organise materials is considered.

Family Support

Regular practice is essential. Attendance at our information evening in Term 3, is strongly encouraged, showing family commitment. Information will be sent via email if attendance is not possible.

Program Capacity

Our Instrumental Music allocation, funded by the Department of Education, considers:

- Available resources
- Demand across schools
- Capacity to accommodate 10%-15% of the school population

Capacity limits to participate in the program are based on this funding.

Lesson Schedule

Thirty-minute small group lessons take place during curriculum time on a rotating basis to ensure no repeated absences from the same lesson.

Commitment Expectation

Students are expected to commit to a full year initially. For those continuing into a second year, participation is expected until the end of Year 6.

Physical Suitability

Instrument allocation considers physical suitability, and while preferences are taken into account, they cannot always be met.

Cost

An annual levy covers sheet music, instrument repair, and replacement. This levy varies annually, with separate fees for those using school instruments versus personal instruments. The School will always work to minimise the cost. Parents are responsible for additional items like a music stand, lesson book, and reeds/rosin.