



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Eltham High School. The Music Program at Eltham High School is nationally renowned for its excellence and is recognised as one of the finest Instrumental Music Programs in Australia. We pride ourselves on having an outstanding team of instrumental music staff who will ensure that your children develop the skills required to enjoy creating music on their instrument. Eltham High School's Instrumental Music Program caters for all woodwind, brass, percussion and string instruments.

During Orientation Day on December 13, all of the new Year 7 students will attend a music information session that will involve performances by our Music Staff and Students. As part of this session the various instruments that we offer in the music program will be demonstrated and the students will listen to a selection of ensembles.

To find out more about the instruments that we offer and listen to some of the ensembles involved in our Instrumental Music Program, please go to this YouTube playlist. Our Instrumental Music Staff have recorded videos demonstrating the various sounds of each instrument, allowing you to discover some wonderful instruments that you may not have heard of before.

[Year 7 Instrumental Program Videos](#)

As part of our instrument selection process in 2023, students will be able to try various instruments that we offer as part of our Instrumental Music Program. This will involve a short lesson with our instrumental staff that will allow the students to experiment with making their first sounds on each instrument. Our staff will ensure that all instruments are cleaned, sanitized and follow all the appropriate Covid Safe protocols.

Year 7 Instrumental Music Night – Wednesday, 15 February 2023

The night will start at 6:30pm and run at Eltham High School or online, as required at the time of the event. An outline of the Music Program will be presented, including information on purchasing instruments, fees and lesson structure. Staff will also be available to answer any questions you might have about your child's involvement in our Instrumental Music Program.

Timbre Test

During the first week of Term 1 2023 students who have completed an Expression of Interest Form will be invited to sit a timbre test which objectively provides an indication of instruments that may best suit your child. Studies show that students who play instruments that match their timbre preference perform better and have a greater continuation rate than students who play instruments not matched to their timbre preference.

The Instrumental Music Program is self-funded and the following fees applied in 2022. There will be a slight increase in fees for 2023, which you will be provided with at the Instrumental Music Night. Payment is made over a four part payment plan for Training Band and Training Strings students.

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| Weekly lesson and rehearsal (minimum of 30 lessons per year) | \$1000 |
| Ensemble Fee (including costs of excursions and music camp) | \$450 |
| Percussion levy (if applicable) | \$350 |
| Instrument hire (if applicable) | \$600 |

Please return the attached Expression of Interest Form. We would appreciate it being returned before the end of the 2022 school year or by no later than **Wednesday, 1 February 2023**. This indicates that you would like the opportunity to try all of the instruments **and does not commit you** to any fees associated. Please return the attached form via email to nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au or return it to the General Office.

We look forward to your child becoming part of our Instrumental Music program in 2023, and beyond!

Yours faithfully,

Rick Keenan
Director of Music

Vincent Sicari
Principal



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**Please detach and return this form no later than Wednesday, 1 February 2023
(although before the end of the 2022 school year would be appreciated)**

Student Full Name:

Parent/Guardian: Mobile:

Email:

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Email:

Were you accepted into Eltham High School on the Curriculum Ground of music?

Yes

No

Has your child previously participated in music lessons:

Yes

No

Instrument 1

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Instrument 2

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If so, for how long?

1.....2.....

Would your child like to keep learning these instruments? 1.

Yes

No

2.

Yes

No

Has your child had any previous ensemble experience?

Yes

No

If so, where and how long?

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Does your child have a sibling in the Eltham High School Instrumental Music Program?

Yes

No

If so, what is their name?

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If you have any further notes to add please put them on the reverse of this form. Thank you.

Please return your completed Expression of Interest Form to Jane Nicholson at nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au or to the General Office.