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Dear Parents and Students,

Re: **Year 7 Music Program**

Since 2013, Marian College has run a Classroom Band Music Program for our year 7 students. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience learning of a musical instrument, particularly if they have not learned an instrument before. For students who have been playing music previously, this will give them the opportunity to further develop musical skills on another instrument.

Why study music?

Music has always been a great skill for any child to develop, but recent research has shown how music can be beneficial in other ways:

- Improved reasoning capacity and problem solving skills
- Improved mathematics and language performance
- Better memory skills
- Greater social and team skills

The Music Program

Students will learn their musical instrument at school during class time. It is expected that students will bring their instrument to school on the day of their music lesson, and that instruments will go home with students for practice. Students will be expected to record their practice time each week, and parents are asked to verify their practice time by signing the practice record sheet. Students will be expected as part of their study to practice at least three days a week for 20 minutes each day. Students will also be taught music theory to complement their study of their chosen instrument.

The instruments are issued to the students (with free hire for the duration of the program) at the start of the program (the time of year will depend on the class group and when they are timetabled), and are issued on a first come, first served basis depending on availability. The instruments, once issued to the students, are the full responsibility of the student.

If students wish to continue learning on their instrument once the program has finished for their class, they are welcome to learn privately or through shared lessons as part of the Marian College Music Program, and are also welcome to be a part of music ensembles within the school (For example, Concert Band). Students will be given further information regarding lessons once their class program has finished. Please read the Conditions of the Program carefully and complete the attached form marking your preferences for Instrumental tuition.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Stephen East
Music Co-ordinator

Marian College Year 7 Band Program

Please return this form to Marian College at your earliest convenience

Name: _____

Previous Musical Experience (not essential): _____

I give permission for _____ to learn an instrument as part of the Classroom Music Program, and accept responsibility for the musical instrument borrowed out by my child. I have numbered 3 tuition preferences below (number 1 being your first preference).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

<p>Trumpet</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; height: 100px;"> <input style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin-right: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>Trombone</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; height: 100px;"> <input style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin-right: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>French Horn (if available)</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; height: 100px;"> <input style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin-right: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>
<p>Flute</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; height: 100px;"> <input style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin-right: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>Clarinet</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; height: 100px;"> <input style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin-right: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>Alto Saxophone</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; height: 100px;"> <input style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin-right: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>
<p>Tenor Saxophone</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; height: 100px;"> <input style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin-right: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>Percussion and Drums</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; height: 100px;"> <input style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin-right: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>	<p>Bass Guitar</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; height: 100px;"> <input style="width: 40px; height: 40px; margin-right: 20px;" type="checkbox"/> </div>