Dear Band Students, Parents, and Carers

The Wollongong Conservatorium of Music is again working with your school to run a band program this year

Students from years 4, 5 and 6 who are interested in playing a wind or brass instrument, are invited to join the program this year. We also look forward to working with students who played in the band last year. Where possible, continuing students should remain on the same instrument.

Please note;

• New students do NOT need to have any prior experience to join the band. The program will cater for absolute beginners. Of course students with prior experience are also welcome.

• Students do NOT need to take music lessons outside the school band. Basic playing techniques will be covered in the band class. Of course it will greatly benefit the students to sign up with a teacher at the Con for lessons, but it is certainly not a requirement at this stage.

Instrument Choice:
Here are the instruments we are including in the band program this year:
clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, percussion (maximum of two students on percussion)

Costs:
The cost for band is determined by the school depending on how many in the band. As an estimate allow approximately $10/week. This will be added to your term fees. You will also need to purchase or hire an instrument if you do no already have one.

Materials:
Students should bring the following Items to each rehearsal: (see separate info on instruments and materials)
1. your instrument
2. method Book – ‘Essential Elements 2000 Book 1’
3. a plastic sleeve folder to put handouts and music
4. Pencil

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