



## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMME 2024 – ROSSMOYNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rossmoyne Primary School has a very strong music program, which is supported by the Department of Education's Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS). Students are invited to enter the IMSS program from the beginning of Year 3 and selections also take place in Years 4 and 5. The following instrument positions will be available in 2024.

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| Year 3 | Violin & Viola*                   | 8 students |
| Year 4 | Cello                             | 3 students |
| Year 5 | Brass (Trumpet/Trombone/Baritone) | 5 students |
| Year 5 | Clarinet                          | 5 students |
| Year 5 | Flute                             | 5 students |
| Year 5 | Double Bass**                     | 2 students |
| Year 5 | Percussion                        | 2 students |

\*Rossmoyne PS is on a rotation where we offer violin and viola for two years and then violin only in the third year. Consequently, in 2024, Rossmoyne PS is scheduled to offer four violin places and four viola places.

\*\*Prior to accepting an offer for your child to learn the double bass, parents should consider the scale of the instrument and whether they can store and transport a double bass to and from school and events.

To view some example videos of these instruments, go to <https://rpsmusic.edublogs.org/imss/>.

Acceptance of a place in the program should not be treated lightly. Once invited, students are expected to be involved in either the String Orchestra (Year 5 onwards or via invitation) or the Concert Band (Term 4, Year 5 and onwards). Rehearsals for these take place outside of school hours. Additionally, we recommend that IMSS students participate in the Junior or Senior Choir but this is not enforced.

If you have any doubts about your child's ability to practise on a regular basis or commit to the program (preferably until the end of Year 10), please think carefully before your child accepts the offer of a place. It is rare that we allow students to exit the program prior to the completion of their primary schooling.

***If your child is already participating in lessons on their chosen instrument, they are not eligible for the IMSS program. Additionally, if during the period of their involvement in the IMSS program, they commence private lessons on their instrument, this automatically makes them ineligible to continue.***

***Students also involved in the PEAC Program must understand that PEAC cannot conflict with IMSS commitments (including Band and Orchestra). Students are required to choose courses held on days that do not conflict with lessons and performance groups.***

### **PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS – To be confirmed for Term 4, 2023**

Parents who are interested in having their child participate in the IMSS Programme are expected to attend an IMSS Parent Information Evening. These meetings are usually held in Week 8, Term 4. Exact dates and venues will be confirmed but a meeting is usually held at Rossmoyne Senior High

School. All meetings begin at 7.30pm and should conclude by 8.30pm. Attendance at one of these meetings is crucial for parents to understand the intricacies of learning an instrument, the expectations of children participating in the IMSS Program and the support parents/carers will be required to provide to their child in the coming years.

## **COSTS TO CONSIDER**

Administration & Photocopying Charge: **\$10** per student each year.

Instrument Loan: **\$110** per year.

For some instruments, parents have the option of loaning an instrument from IMSS at a non-refundable cost of \$110 per year. This amount covers depreciation, routine maintenance and repairs. It does not cover wilful damage, negligence or loss, for which parents will generally be held liable. It is recommended that parents make appropriate independent insurance arrangements to cover this possibility.

In the **first year** of learning, the following instruments can be loaned, however, students are expected to provide their own instrument from the **second year onwards**.

- *Flute*
- *Clarinet*
- *Trumpet*
- *Trombone*

**Cellos** are available for **two years** prior to students providing their own instrument.

**Double basses** are available for the duration of participation.

The conditions are highlighted in the **Instrumental Loan Agreement** that parents will be required to sign. At the end of the designated loan period, parents will need to either purchase or privately hire a suitable instrument.

## **Purchasing Instruments**

Parents have the option of purchasing an instrument as soon as their child commences lessons or loaning it from IMSS (see above). If you are required to (see below) or choose to purchase an instrument, please wait until the first week of lessons so instrumental teachers can advise you about their preferred brands etc. The IMSS website also contains advice on this. See <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/instrumental-music/loaning-and-purchasing-instruments>

**Violin, viola** and **percussion** students will need to supply their own instruments. The instrumental teacher will provide advice to guide your purchase. *Violins* and *Violas* start around \$250 and *Percussion* students can expect to spend approximately \$200 on instruments and accessories.

A music stand for home practice is required and the instrumental teacher may request additional equipment be purchased. A student journal will be provided free of charge each year, but tutor books and other music must also be purchased by parents. Purchase of music stands, accessories and books could be expected to cost around \$100 in the first year.

## IMSS PROGRAM SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process is listed below.

1. Music Aptitude Indicator Test (MAI)
  - a. Students in Years 2 to 4 undergo this test late in Term 3 or early in Term 4 each year.
  
2. Teacher Consultation

Classroom teachers are consulted about a student's capacity to:

  - learn an instrument
  - catch up on any missed content/work. (IMSS students will miss 30 minutes of class at the same time each week to go to their instrumental lessons).
  - incorporate approximately 15 minutes of instrumental practice into their daily routine
  - remember to bring their instrument, journal and books on lesson/ensemble days
  - attend lessons on time
  - care for their instrument
  - remember to have their parent/carer sign their journal each week
  - participate in lessons responsibly, follow instructions and act on constructive criticism to improve their learning
  
3. Expression of Interest (EOI)
  - a. Students who score well in the MAI and obtain teacher endorsement will receive an Expression of Interest form. Parents/carers are required to go through the form with their children and return the signed form to me.
  
4. Instrumental Tutor Selection
  - a. Students who have expressed interest via the EOI form will meet with the teacher of their preferred instrument(s) to see whether they are physically capable of playing the instrument. Factors such as body size, mouth shape etc. can affect a student's capacity to learn an instrument.
  - b. If students are not suited to an instrument, they may not be offered that instrument or they may be offered an alternative instrument (if available).
  
5. Offer of Instrumental Tuition
  - a. Selected students will receive an Offer of Instrumental Tuition which needs to be signed and returned to me.
  
6. 2024 Lessons
  - a. IMSS lessons will commence in the first few weeks of Term 1, 2024. Tutors will provide students with information about what instruments, books or accessories are needed. Instrumental loans will also be arranged by the IMSS teachers in the first few lessons.
  - b. Rossmoyne PS will distribute the Loan Agreements and invoices for Instrumental Loans and Administration/Photocopying Charge in Term 1.

If you have any questions in regards to any of the information above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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