

BAND PROGRAM 2021

BANDS & ENSEMBLES

- ♫ Concert Band One
- ♫ Concert Band Two
- ♫ Jazz Combo
- ♫ String Ensemble
- ♫ Choir
- ♫ Small Ensemble Program
- ♫ Music Tutorial Program

COSTS

- ♫ Band: \$450 (\$225/semester)
- ♫ Choir: \$200
- ♫ Instrument Hire: \$200 per year
- ♫ Music Tutorials: \$40 per half hour session (payable directly to tutor)



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BAND PROGRAM

The St Ives High School Band Program has gained an outstanding reputation over recent years for their excellent performances. This program has been created to give students the attention needed to build successful bands and ensembles with vast performance and learning opportunities. The Band Program offers enjoyment through developing musical skills as well as building a friendly and cohesive team environment. The program currently consists of two Concert Bands, Jazz Combo, String Ensemble, Choir and several rock bands and small ensembles. To enter the program, students pay an annual fee of \$450, payable as part of the school fees in Term 1 2021, or in instalments across the two semesters. Students within the Band Program will have the opportunity to participate in Choir at no additional cost. If students participate in the Choir only, fees are \$200. Students are also invited to participate in the Music Tutorial Program at \$40 per 30-minute lesson, subject to positions being available.

Our successful music program requires the commitment of band students and their parents/carers. It is important that band students attend the rehearsals regularly, practise their music, and commit to band concerts, competitions and showcases, some of which will be held on evenings and weekends.

Your commitment to this program is invaluable.



Concert Band One performing at Port Melbourne Primary School, 2016.

CONCERT BAND

The St Ives High School Concert Bands are an exciting opportunity for students from Year 7 to Year 12 who play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. The bands rehearse every week under the direction of an experienced Musical Director. Performance opportunities for the bands are plentiful throughout the year, including eisteddfods, NSW State Band Contest, interstate band tours, school functions and community events and performances. Repertoire consists of a mix of popular music, television and film soundtracks, light classics and contemporary wind ensemble works.

Concert Band Two provides the opportunity for new students to settle in to high school and enjoy playing alongside their peers. Although there is no academic cohort division between the two bands, Concert Band Two tends to consist of students in Years 7-9. Concert Band One is a more advanced ensemble and consists of students from Years 7-12. Students are invited to audition for Concert Band One as early as Term One, Year 7 at the Musical Director's discretion.

Rehearsal time: Concert Band One: Monday mornings. 7:30 – 8:45am in the hall.
Concert Band Two: Wednesday mornings. 7:30 – 8:45am in the hall.

Musical Director: Ms K Lovell, Band Program Coordinator, LOTE/Support faculty



Concert Band Two performing at Engadine Bandfest, 2019

JAZZ COMBO

The Jazz Combo is a flexible performance ensemble that provides an opportunity for students in the band program to focus on individual part playing, increase their stylistic awareness, and perform more challenging repertoire. It also provides a format in which students have the opportunity to perform solos as their confidence and technical ability grows. Additionally, students are encouraged to develop their skills of improvisation. The Jazz Combo often accompanies HSC Music Performance examinations. Furthermore, the Jazz Combo has become regular attendees at the Big Band Blast in Port Macquarie and performs for school functions and community events. Membership of the ensemble is by invitation and audition as vacancies become available.

Rehearsal time: Tuesday mornings. 7:30 - 8:45am in C15

Musical Director: Mrs S Cooper, Music faculty

STRING ENSEMBLE

This provides an opportunity for string players to combine in a small, close-knit performance group with a broad repertoire of both classical and popular styles, adapting to the students' abilities and musical tastes. Traditionally, string ensembles are classically based so this allows students to experience a more diverse range of music across the Band Program. Within this group, there is a focus on developing string technique and ensemble awareness. In recent years, the String Ensemble has performed regularly for the Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival, Ryde Eisteddfod, the St Ives High School Arts Exhibition and many other school functions and community events and performances.

Rehearsal time: Tuesday morning. 7:30 – 8:45am in C14

Musical Director: Mrs G Andresson, Music faculty



Combined String Ensemble and Micro Orchestral Fusion at the Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival, 2017.

CHOIR

This vocal group is a balanced SATB* ensemble and has been established to give students performance opportunities while developing their musical skills in a group setting. It functions in a similar manner to the other ensembles with set rehearsals, performances, camps and tours. These students participate in larger combined choirs, such as for *In Concert* at Town Hall with approximately 800 students from around NSW, and the *Secondary Schools Vocal Festival*, as well as performing for school functions such as international visits, Loud Shirt Day and presentation evenings. They are also involved regularly in performing for the community and recording tracks for the school musical productions.

*soprano, alto, tenor, bass

Rehearsal time: Friday mornings. 7:45 - 8:45am in E1

Musical Director: Ms K Lovell & Ms K Hawkins, TAS faculty



Choir in preparation for their performance at Town Hall as part of 'In Concert', 2018

ROCK BAND and SMALL ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

Rock Bands and small ensembles such as the Percussion Ensemble, Brass Ensemble and Saxophone Ensemble are created for students studying instruments in the music tutorial program or playing in the band program. Bands are supervised by a music teacher and rehearse one session per week. Students will also have the opportunity to perform at school functions and concerts.

Rehearsal time: Percussion Ensemble – Monday Lunchtime in Music Tutorial Space
Saxophone Ensemble – Tuesday Lunchtime in Music Tutorial Space
Micro Orchestral Fusion – Tuesday Lunchtime in E1
Brass Ensemble – Thursday Recess 1 in Music Tutorial Space
Handbell Ensemble – Wednesday Lunchtime in Music Tutorial Space

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BAND PROGRAM OBLIGATIONS:

We cannot achieve a successful band program without placing certain obligations on students, parents and the school. St Ives High School provides regular rehearsals, rehearsal space, instrument hire, professional tuition, professional musical directorship and the management of the entire band program. The following obligations are expected from students and parents:

- **Students** are expected to practise regularly, commit to the band program for the full year and fully co-operate with Band directors.
- **Students** are required to undertake private tuition in addition to band rehearsals. This can be through private arrangement or using the school's music tutorial program.
- **Students** are required to attend camps, tours, concerts and competitions which can fall on weekends or during the school week.
- **Students** are required to wear the band uniform at all performances.
- **Parents** must notify their band conductor and music tutor in advance if their child is unable to make a rehearsal or tutorial. This includes excursions and examinations.
- **Parents** commit to supporting their child's participation by way of instrument hire or purchase, payment of band fees and expenses as well as private tuition costs and facilitating attendance at band rehearsals and performances.



Jazz Combo at Big Band Blast, Port Macquarie, 2017.

MUSIC TUTORIAL PROGRAM

The St Ives High School Band Program is pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to learn an instrument, whether learning for the first time or continuing on with previous experience. External professional teachers are organised for these lessons. The ultimate goal is for these students to take part in one of the bands and ensembles. Lessons are scheduled before school and during class time on a rotational roster.

The school's music tutorial program details are available from Ms Kimberley Lovell, along with a detailed list of local tutors for personal arrangement should the school be unable to provide a space in the program at school.

Lessons Length: 30 minutes, once a week

Lesson Fees: Music tuition will be charged at the rate of \$40 per 30-minute lesson. All fees are payable within two weeks of invoicing by individual tutors.



Concert Band on stage with Warringah Concert Brass at Congress Hall, 2014

BAND AND TUTORIAL APPLICATION FORM 2021



If possible, please consider filling in these google forms rather than using this paper form:

Band/Choir/Ensemble Application (Blue QR Code):
<https://forms.gle/jAhVL6LcJA3zaeV36>

Music Tuition Application (Purple QR Code):
<https://forms.gle/a3JGQNW3Dw4JiWhTA>



School Year in 2021: 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student Family Name: _____

Student First Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Email (preferred for contact): _____

Instrument/s: _____

Please indicate previous experience:

ENSEMBLES (please circle):

Concert Band One / Concert Band Two / Jazz Combo / String Ensemble / Micro Orchestral Fusion /
Rock Band Program / Percussion Ensemble / Saxophone Ensemble / Brass Ensemble / Handbell
Ensemble / Choir

Please indicate if you would need to hire an instrument: Yes / No

I would like to be part of the music tutorial program in 2021 Yes / No

Instrument for tutorials: _____

Parent/caregiver name – please print: _____

Parent/caregiver signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return to the School Office, Attention “Ms Lovell”