



# Instrumental Music

Mt Crosby has a strong and successful Instrumental Music Program that involves nearly 20% of students from Years 3 to 6 learning an instrument. The Instrumental Music Program is an advanced extension of the Classroom Music Curriculum which provides these children with the opportunity to experience the expressive qualities of music through learning to play a band/ orchestral instrument and performance opportunities.

## What are the Aims of the Instrumental Music Program?

- To provide an opportunity for the musical development of students through instrumental instruction on a group basis. Lessons ½ hour in length, once a week and during school time.
- To provide ensemble experience for these students so that they develop ensemble performance skills as an integral part of the Instrumental Music Curriculum. Ensembles rehearse once a week, before school. The day of the week will be determined by the Instrumental Music Teacher's itinerary.
- To encourage further development of teamwork, cooperation, organisation, responsibility and commitment, as well as positive peer relationships.
- To foster an appreciation of a variety of music styles and genres.

## What Instruments Do We Teach at Mount Crosby State School?

The Instrumental Music Program has two streams: the **Band Program** and the **String Program**.

### Band Program Instruments:

#### Woodwind

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone

#### Brass

- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- French Horn

#### Percussion

##### Tuned Percussion:

- Glockenspiel
- Timpani

##### Un-Tuned Percussion:

- Snare/Bass Drum
- Cymbals
- Drum Kit
- Triangle
- Crash Cymbals
- Maracas etc.

## String Program Instruments:

### Strings

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass

## What Ensembles Do We Have at Mt Crosby & Where Do They Perform?

All students who learn an instrument must join one of the following ensembles when they reach a suitable standard:

- Junior Strings • Senior Strings Ensemble
- Junior Band • Senior Band

Our award-winning ensembles perform regularly throughout the year at:

- School Parades • Eisteddfods • School Concert • Instrumental Music Evening • Fanfare (biennial)
- 1 day Band Tour to rural primary schools.

Our ensembles have a strong tradition of excellence, often receiving Gold Awards at eisteddfods.

## How to join the Instrumental Music Program?

Entry into these programs is via a selection process, which is carried out in Term 3 of each year. Each year, students in Year 2 are eligible to apply for selection for the Strings Program and students in Year 3 are eligible to apply for the Band Program. Students who are selected commence lessons at the start of the following year. Students who are new in the school and who already play one of the above instruments are welcome to join the program, provided there are spaces available.

Please see the [Instrumental Music Handbook](#) (insert link) for more detailed information and costings.

