Mt Crosby State School Instrumental Music Program.

Music is one part of the total education of a child. The Instrumental Music Program is an extension of the Classroom Music Program and provides children with the opportunity to experience the expressive qualities of music through learning to play a band/orchestral instrument. Through music education, the students are led to an awareness of music and an appreciation of the part music plays in their own lives and in the lives of others.

The aims of the Instrumental Music Program at Mt Crosby State School are:

- To provide an opportunity for the musical development of students through instrumental instruction on a group basis. Lessons are 1/2 hour in length, once a week, during school time.
- To provide ensemble experience for these students so that they develop ensemble performance skills as an integral part of their Music Education. 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 team work, co-operation, 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 Mt Crosby SS?

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

**String Instruments Taught:**

- Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass

**Band Instruments Taught:**

- Brass: Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba
- Percussion: tuned percussion e.g. Glocknspiel, Un-tuned Percussion e.g. snare/bass drum, cymbals, shakers, drum-kit, triangle etc.

**Ensembles:** Our ensembles perform regularly throughout the year at:

- parades
- Twilight Markets
- Silkstone Eisteddfod
- Brisbane Schools Band Festival
- School Concert
- Fanfare (biennial)
- and other public performance.

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

All students who learn an instrument must join one of the following ensembles when they reach a suitable standard:
- Junior Strings
- String Ensemble
- Junior Concert Band
- Senior Concert Band (this band is auditioned).

**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 Yr 2 are eligible to apply for selection for the Strings Program and students in Yr 3 & Yr 4 are eligible to apply for the Band Program. Students who are selected then commence lessons at the start of the following year.

Students who are new to the school and who already play one of the above instruments are welcome to join the program, provided there are spaces available. Please contact the Instrumental Music Teachers.

For more detailed information, policy and costs associated with the Instrumental Music Program, please refer to the Instrumental Music Parent Handbook.
(Make the following PDF attachments at the end of the above. These are attached to the email)

Instrumental Music Parent Handbook

Strategies For Parents to Encourage their Child to Play

Recommended Music Stores

Hints for Successful Music Practice