



Our Lady Star of the Sea School Band Program 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Faith McLeod and it is with absolute delight that I continue the position of Band Teacher for 2018. I would like to extend a warm welcome to new parents and students wishing to join the band program, as well as those continuing from 2017.

The program will continue in structure to that of 2017. Students will participate in a combined half hour band lesson, as well as a half hour group tutor session. These tutor sessions enable students to learn music to be performed as a band. There is simple instruction in note reading, fingering and relevant teaching pertaining to the instrument studied. They are small groups of 3-6 students with students of similar instrument and ability.

There will be a Training Band which consists of students in their first year of learning and those from the previous year needing another year of instruction before joining Senior Band.

The Senior Band is provided for students able to confidently read music and play at a level beyond beginner. Some of the band arrangements can be challenging and it is important students are of a similar ability. Students having completed a year of instruction will be moved to the Senior Band if it is felt they will be able to play the music arrangements to be learned. I will conduct an audition before band commences in 2018 to assess suitability.

Children will be required to purchase a tutor book **called 'ACCENT ON ACHIEVEMENT BOOK 1'** for their respective instrument and a black plastic sleeve folder for band music arrangements. This is available **at Macron Music Erina** for approximately \$20.00.

In 2018, Band and instrument day will be **Mondays**. Band tutor groups will commence Monday Week 3.

During first term, we will begin with tutor groups only for beginners and first year students. Band follows from Terms 2-4. The senior students will have both band and tutor sessions times to be advised.

Instruments are available for purchase or hire from Macron Music Erina Ph 43678500. The cost for the band program will be determined in the New Year – (Fees were **\$160** per term in 2017).

Payment may be made by cash, cheque or direct debit .

Cheques made payable to Faith McLeod
Direct debit Community first credit union Erina Fair
BSB 512170 ACCOUNT 100179834

Use child's name as reference

All fees are to be **paid in advance no later than week 3 of each term**

Any enquires please contact me 0435427780 or email faithmcleod@hotmail.com

Have a musical day.