

Tutors and Lessons

In addition to the weekly 8am Prep band rehearsal, all students have a weekly 30-minute group music lesson during school. Students will learn to read music and rhythm and are taught correct technique on their instruments. Lessons are taught by qualified professional musicians who are passionate about teaching their instrument.

Band Rehearsals

Prep Band rehearse each week, before school. We encourage children to attend every rehearsal. Band members help set up and pack up the chairs & music stands. Like any good team a band needs all its members to participate fully with enthusiasm, commitment, and respect. Students should bring their instrument and music books to each rehearsal. Please email your school band conductor if your child is unable to attend a rehearsal.

Trips and Concerts

Throughout the year band members will have the opportunity to take part in trips, workshops, camps, festivals and performances which are an integral part of the programme. We will give you ample notice of these events and encourage you to come along and support your child.



Instruments & music books

Band members can purchase their own instrument or hire one through our programme at reasonable rates. Tutors are happy to give advice on instrument purchase. We provide the music books that are used in the programme below retail price.

School band Fees

We work hard to keep the fees as affordable as possible. The fee you pay goes towards paying for the tutors and conductors, administering the programme, providing music and maintaining the musical instruments.

The fee for the programme is \$210/term for each student. Fees must be paid 7 days before each term commences.

A \$25 deposit paid by Dec 1st will hold your instrument place in the new prep band.

Enrolment Form

Please complete this [google form](#) to pre enrol in the Prep band (for beginners). Placement in instrument classes will be allocated in order of registration on the google form

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The Lincoln Prep band

The Lincoln Prep band provide a rewarding musical experience and skills that last a lifetime. Students gain valuable social, physical and academic skills and most importantly they have fun.

The Bands

Students progress through several bands:

1. Preparatory Band
2. School Concert Band
3. Senior Concert band
4. Jazz / Rock Band

Usually students will spend their first year in the Prep Band, the second year in the School Concert Band or the Advanced band and from the third year some join the Rock Band and / or Jazz Band. Our tutors place students in the band that is most suitable to their musical ability.

Prep Band (first year for beginners) Fri 8am

The Prep Band is for students brand new to their instruments. Students work through the first half of their tutor book 1, while learning to read music and play their instrument in the Prep band. They will be invited to a weekend band camp or workshop in the term 2 holidays.

Concert Band (second year band) Fri 3pm

The Concert Band is for students in their second year of playing who have completed the first half of tutor book 1. They are invited to a summer holiday weekend band camp and will perform at various workshops and festivals during the year.

Jazz Band (third-fourth year band) Fri 12.30pm

The Jazz band at Lincoln has a full Big Band line up with a vocalist, alto, tenor and baritone saxophones, trombones, trumpets and a rhythm section with bass, guitar, keyboard, drums, mallet and sometimes a flute & clarinet player. They have workshops, trips and play in the Big Band Festival.

Rock Band Thur 12.30pm Rock band is for senior students of bass, guitar, drums and vocals as well as other instrumentalists who are keen to join.

Instruments in Our Bands



Flute The flute is light and portable and is suitable for most children.



A flute with a curved headjoint is recommended for smaller children.



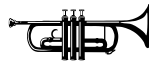
Oboe The oboe uses a special double reed (\$25 ea) Careful diligent children suit this instrument



Clarinet The clarinet uses reeds, is portable and is ideal for most children. Children with small finger pads require perseverance to cover holes



Alto Saxophone The sax uses reeds. Small children find this large and need to stretch small hands over keys. They require a special shoulder harness to distribute the weight.



Trumpet Portable, robust and easy to play, the trumpet is suitable for most children.



French Horn. Haunting & mellow, this instrument requires studious children who practice regularly.



Trombone The popular 'P bones' are lightweight and come in bright colours. The trombone is suitable for all children



Bass Guitar ½ and ¾ size bass guitars are available. Small bass guitars, amplifiers & leads can be hired through the band. Left & Right hand available.



Tuned Percussion 'Glockenspiel' Handy and portable, the glockenspiel is a small metal keyboard that is played with sticks. Previous keyboard/piano experience is helpful.



Percussion Electronic drum kits can be hired through the band. Children start on the kit with basic technique and learn a variety of instruments after learning the basics on a snare and bass drum in the band setting.

How to choose an Instrument?

Your child has heard the LPS bands perform at school many times – they have had demonstrations of the various instruments in school assemblies and probably know the instrument sound they prefer. Parents may have a different idea of what instrument suits their child. Come along to the information evening to try out the instruments and hear professional advice about the instrument that will suit your child.

We try very hard to give each child their first preference but we have to create a balanced sound in the band. In a band of around 40 children we would ideally have 7 flutes, 7 clarinets, 2 oboes, 4 alto saxophones, 4 trumpets, 2 french horns, 4 trombones, 3 bass guitars, 2 glockenspiel, 4 percussion. You can appreciate that a band of 21 bass guitars, 8 drums and 11 flutes would not be very balanced!

Please attend the **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING** Monday 22nd November 6.30pm to hear about the program, talk to the tutors, enrol, view the instruments, hire your instrument and order your music books. Arrive early at 6pm to try out your instrument of choice.

If you are intending to join the Lincoln Prep band and you cannot attend the parent evening, please email your interest to: school.band.chch@gmail.com