



Pine Rivers State High School

Instrumental Music Handbook 2024



Foreword

Welcome to the Pine Rivers State High School Instrumental Program. You are part of a very exciting program which continues to flourish and grow from year to year. You join a very productive team within the school whose success has been based on students, staff and parents working together to achieve the best outcomes. The program provides teachers to support and teach students in the area of woodwind, brass, percussion and strings to achieve their personal best.

A very important part of the program is the development and production work of the Concert Band, Middle School Band, Stage Band, String Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and various other ensembles. The school's bands and ensembles enjoy a tremendous reputation in the wider community and in the cultural life of our school. These groups perform on a regular basis for Assemblies, Presentation Assemblies, Senior Induction, Graduations, at public functions, chamber concerts and competitions such as Peninsula Music Festival, FANFARE and music tours. Wherever they play, they bring credit to themselves, our music program, and our school.

Teamwork is the key to the success of our instrumental music program. Essential members of our team are our parents, who provide ongoing support, without which our program would not be possible. PRIMA (Pine Rivers Instrumental Music Association) is a supportive parent group (and a sub-committee of our Parents' and Citizens' Association) and meets on a regular monthly basis to organise the essential assistance needed for all performances. We encourage all parents/caregivers to join this committed team of people or to work with them to ensure the success of our music program.

This book is designed to fully inform you of all of the details of our instrumental program. Best wishes to all students who take up the challenge to learn to play an instrument and / or become a member of one of the bands or ensembles. We look forward to your joining our team of students, staff and parents who work together to provide opportunities for our students.

Rhonda Jago

Instrumental Music Coordinator



Hervey Bay Performing Arts Tour

Pine Rivers State High School

Policy and Procedures for the *Instrumental Music Program*

1. The aims of the Instrumental Music Program:

- a) To provide the opportunity for musical development of students through instrumental instruction on a group basis.
- b) To provide ensemble experience through the Concert Band, Middle School Band, Stage Band, String and Percussion Ensembles to name a few, so that students develop practical skills which encompass solo **and** group performance.
- c) To develop skills in music and performance and assess to the Australian Curriculum as Key Learning Area (junior school), with opportunities to attain QCE credits in senior.

2. Description of Instrumental Music Program:

- a) Students are able to receive tuition on either their own instruments or on instruments supplied by the School through Parents and Citizens' Association funding or through Education Queensland.
- b) There are currently three instrumental teachers allocated to Pine Rivers State High School on a part-time basis to provide tuition and to organise the ensembles.
- c) If a student is issued with a school instrument a LOAN AGREEMENT FORM must be signed by parents, outlining the expectations and responsibilities of both school students and their parents. This is to be done **every** year.
- d) Students are required to participate in school ensembles as soon as they are technically ready.



String Ensemble at the Gala Night



Stage Band on the Primary Schools Tour

3. Lesson Procedure for Instrumental Music:

- a) The learning of an instrument requires diligent practice and continued effort by the student. The student must liaise constantly with his/her instrumental teacher for advice on improving his/her musical performance.
- b) Instrumental Music teachers arrange a roster for music lessons so that the student does not miss the same lesson each week of his/her other school subjects. In case of a test/examination for a school subject where the student is normally expected to be at an instrumental lesson, the instrumental lesson is to be rescheduled.
- c) Lesson times and ensemble rehearsals will also be posted on Compass, which can be accessed online or via the Compass School Manager app, using the students' regular school log ins.
- d) Because instrumental music teachers are at the school on a part-time basis it is essential that students attend their instrumental lesson on time and every week.
- e) Genuine absences - students are required to communicate all absences in a timely fashion **in writing** (email or parent letter).
- f) **Attendance records are kept at instrumental lessons and any student not providing adequate explanation of absence will be ineligible for future lessons and have his/her school instrument reallocated. They will also not be eligible for tours, camps and other activities.**
- g) Please refer to the Attendance Policy document for further information.



Percussion Ensemble at Gala Night

4. Policy on School-Issued Instruments, Music Fee and Instrument Hire Scheme:

- a) If they do not have an instrument of their own, new students wishing to join the instrumental program, are provided with an instrument (if available) supplied by the Parents' and Citizens' Association or Education Queensland. An Instrument Loan Agreement form must be fully completed before instrument can be removed from the school site.
- b) **All students pay an annual specialised program instrumental music fee of \$50 (sheet music, photocopy costs, etc.)**
- c) **Instrument hire is an additional \$50 annually to cover equipment maintenance and service.**
- d) PINE name tags will be supplied to all IM students to attach to every instrument (black tags for school loaned or green tags for privately owned) that is placed in the Music storeroom.
- e) As students show promise, they are encouraged to buy their own instrument if at all possible, to free the school instruments for other students on the waiting list. Really large and expensive instruments (eg: Baritone Saxophones, Tenor Saxophones, Euphoniums, Double Bass and Tubas) are **NOT** expected to be bought.



Music tour of Outback QLD



Performing with Award Winning Brisbane Excelsior Band

5. Insurance

- a) All participants in the Instrumental Music program are encouraged to take out home contents (extras) insurance or similar to cover own or school instrument that has been issued to the student. Students take responsibility for looking after their own instruments and ensuring that they are always in secured areas (See Storage of Instruments)
- b) **Music Instruments Program set out by Education Qld (refer to DOEM AM-07: Resource Replacement Scheme)**

The following circumstances **fall outside the cover** provided by the scheme for Instrumental Program musical instruments:

- i. not located at student's residence
- ii. no evidence of forced entry to student's residence
- iii. loan agreement form not completed
- iv. discovered missing/unaccounted for during the loan agreement period
- v. not returned at the end of the loan agreement period
- vi. accidental damage
- vii. lost in transit to and/or from school to student's residence
- viii. **Unsecured Areas** – any instrument or other equipment owned/borrowed by the student left in unsecured areas e.g. unlocked classrooms (where room is unattended)



Middle School band performing at Gala Night

6. School Concert Band/Stage Band/Ensembles - ATTENDANCE

- a) Times for rehearsals for all school ensembles are under the control of instrumental teachers. All such rehearsals will take place in the Music Block unless otherwise advised.
- b) Students must arrive on time and be ready to play at the times advised by their teachers. Bands START AT 7.30AM. Therefore, musicians need to be there earlier to start on time.

CONCERT BAND	MONDAY	7:30AM-8:30AM
MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND	MONDAY	8:00AM-8:30AM
STRING ENSEMBLE	TUESDAY	7:30AM-8:30AM
PINE VOICES	WEDNESDAY	7:45AM-8:30AM
STAGE BAND	FRIDAY	7:30AM-8:30AM

Subject to change

- c) Students unable to attend rehearsals must advise their conductors prior to the fact.
- d) Students who participate in the Percussion ensemble, Concert Band or String Ensemble may be invited to participate in Stage Band. Students proficient in piano, guitar, bass guitar and vocals may also be invited to participate.



The String Quartet at Gala Night

7. Instrumental Music Staff

Woodwind and Brass
Percussion
Monday, Friday

Mr Rowan Yates
Concert, Middle School and
Stage Band

Strings
Tuesday

Mrs Leanne Cahill Rashada
String Ensemble

Pine Voices
Wednesday

Mr Alister England

HOD The Arts

Mrs Christina Sanderson-Wade
Mr Rowan Yates

Deputy Principal

Mr David Armstrong

Music Coordinator

Miss Rhonda Jago



Music Camp at Maroochy River

8. Storage of Musical Instruments

- a) All students currently using a musical instrument are to store them neatly in the storeroom provided for band use in the Music Block Storeroom. **Instruments are not to be left lying on the storeroom floor.**
- b) PINE name tags will be supplied to all IM students to attach to every instrument (black tags for school loaned or green tags for privately owned) that is placed in the Music storeroom.
- c) Students are not permitted to use any instrument other than their own or one issued to them by the school.
- d) Students bring in the required instrument and folder on the day of lesson and band rehearsal and then **collect both at the end of day** to take home for practice. Instruments forgotten or left lying around may attract theft and the loss/replacement of such will be incurred by the student.



The String Quartet playing at the Year 12 Formal

9. P.R.I.M.A (Pine Rivers Instrumental Music Association) Meetings

- a) PRIMA is an informal group of interested parents who meet once a month in the Staff Common Room **usually** at 6.00pm on the second Tuesday of the month. The purpose of this group is to discuss any issues and fundraising opportunities for the benefit of **all** instrumental music students. 2024 Meetings are as follows:

MEETING DATES	
13 February	9 July
12 March	13 August
16 April	10 September
14 May	<i>No October meeting</i>
11 June	<i>November – function TBA</i>

- b) Over the years, Pine Rivers State High School has developed a fine Instrumental Music Program and is proud of its School Bands. Continued development is a product of the efforts of all involved. The program depends heavily on the cooperation of the School and parents, so you are encouraged to come along and share ideas with other parents at PRIMA Meetings.

10. Instrumental Music Uniforms:

It is compulsory for students in the bands and ensembles to buy the complete uniform as described below:

- Black microfibre long sleeve shirt
(formal performances and competitions, student to source own, e.g. from Lowes)
- Pine Rivers Music polo shirt
(touring shirt and casual performances, to be purchased through school, an order form will be issued)
- Full black dress pants or black skirt and black stockings
(Black jeans are not acceptable, belts must also be black if worn)
- Black leather shoes (school formal uniform shoes are suitable)
- Black socks
- **Black tie (Concert Band), bright coloured (Stage Band)**
* Ties are supplied by the school

Pine Rivers Music Polo shirt

Cost is expected at approximately \$34.00. THIS IS NOT to be worn as a school uniform during school days. An order for these will take place early in 2024.