

APPLICATION FOR 2021 SENIOR BAND 7-10

17 September 2020

As part of the 2021 Senior Band students have the opportunity to develop and extend their instrumental performance skills on their band instrument, as well as work on repertoire for the whole band. Students perform at whole school events, ACT Band Festival, Band Extravaganza and at other schools and venues, in and around Canberra.

Students develop theoretical knowledge, listening and practical skills as they practice their instruments and play together as a band. The Senior Band program is aligned with the ACT Instrumental Music Program. <http://www.imp.act.edu.au>

The Senior Band is an exciting opportunity for both beginning and experienced musicians. "When you listen to music, multiple areas of your brain become engaged and active. But when you actually play an instrument, that activity becomes more like a full-body brain workout." (Anita Collins- How playing an instrument benefits your brain)

TED TALK LINK: [How playing an instrument benefits your brain - Anita Collins](#)

When students join the Senior Band, they have the chance to either continue with a band instrument they already play or learn a new instrument. No music knowledge is required as their skills and music knowledge are developed through participation in the band sessions. The students learn how to read music, and how to develop the correct playing technique for their instrument and develop team skills. Students have the opportunity to extend themselves by taking on harder parts, including solos within the pieces we rehearse and perform.

Students are encouraged to spend a bit of time rehearsing their band parts at home; however, they can also access the music room at lunch time for extra practice. The Senior Band performs regularly within the school and out in the community throughout the year, including at Floriade, The Canberra Raiders games, School assemblies, band festivals, Bandstravaganza at the ANU School of Music, and at a range of other venues and events. Being a member of the Harrison Senior Band is a very rewarding experience and can assist students in all areas of their schooling. I hope to see your child in the band program in 2021!

Student Name: _____ Year Level: _____

I would like to be part of the 2021 Harrison School Senior Band because (achievements, interests or any previous experience):

Please read and discuss the *Senior Band Code of Conduct* outlined below with your child:

I agree to:

- Follow the Harrison School values at all times;
- Try my best at all times;
- Take care of my instrument;
- Rehearse my instrument; and
- A year-long commitment.

Parent / Carer signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Application due: Please return the application note by **Monday, 2 November 2020**.

Cost: \$245.00 per year and covers instrument rental, music tuition, 4 bus fares to travel from other schools for combined practices, music books and sheet music.

Please note that additional performance opportunities may occur throughout the year and additional costs may be required for those events.

Parent / carer meeting: 8.30am, 11th November 2020 in the Music Room (Mulligan's Building) for parents / carers to learn more about the Senior Band.

