

Good Morning Parents/Guardians and Students

Thursday 27 January 2022

I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and restful break. Welcome back to the Instrumental Music Program, and welcome to our new members! Here is some important information to note as we return back to school on Monday:

- IMP lessons will commence in **week 2 starting on Monday 7 February**. This allows for all students to get settled with their regular timetables before starting their lessons.
- Primary IMP lessons will remain on Mondays and will take place in the Secondary Music room this year (behind the hall).
- Timetables for all students will be sent out next week. I am working to create set lesson times so that it is more predictable for teachers and students. We found that attendance was higher in lessons last year with this model. Please contact me directly if you have concerns with this as I can try to make adjustments on a case by case basis.
- Student book packs and new hire instruments have been dispatched, and fingers crossed that they will arrive in time for the students' first lesson.
- All students will receive a practice diary along with *some* new books. I ask that returning students bring in **all of their old IMP books** for their first lesson so I can see what they have. We may need to order more books for our senior students once we get started, and I will notify individual parents if this is the case.
- It is encouraged that all IMP students join either Junior or Senior Concert Band depending on their experience. There will be more information to follow as we settle into the term.

Our ensemble schedule is below:

Senior Concert Band (2 years or more on an instrument) - Thursday mornings 7:30-8:40 Batavia Hall

Junior Concert Band (Beginners up to 2 years) - Friday mornings 7:30-8:40 Batavia Hall

Jazz Band (selected) - Fridays at 12:25-1:10

I look forward to seeing students back for their lessons in week 2, and I can't wait to get started on what will be another incredible year of Music at Geraldton Grammar School.

Kind Regards

Jennifer Higgins, Director of Instrumental Music