

# Neutral Bay Public School



## Band Program

### **Audition Requirements**

At the start of each school year all Neutral Bay Public School children in the band program (as well as those who wish to join a band other than Junior Band), are required to audition. This ensures all children are placed in the band that best reflects their current abilities.

Auditions for Senior Band and Concert Band take place in the first and second weeks of term 1. The strongest musicians are placed in the Concert Band and students from the previous year's Junior Band audition for Senior Band.

Please go through the audition requirements (attached) with your Neutral Bay Public School student, talk to them about their music goals for the year and help them over the coming weeks to prepare for these auditions with the help of their music tutors.

This will ensure that everyone has equal opportunity and **PLENTY OF TIME** to prepare. Of course, we also encourage the children to keep practicing throughout the school holidays, but it is very helpful if they already know all their scales and have prepared a piece to play in the audition **BEFORE** the commencement of the holidays.

Mr Ray Hampton conducts all the auditions. He tests each student on a short prepared piece as well as their set scales. He also asks them to sight read a piece of music that they are unfamiliar with.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact the Overall Band Coordinator at [nbpsbands@gmail.com](mailto:nbpsbands@gmail.com).

**AUDITIONS** for Senior and Concert Band are held at the school at the beginning of each year. Children are asked to perform a short prepared piece and to sight-read a piece.

**Senior Band** children should be able to recognise and to play the following scales:

Flute, Oboe, Lower Brass	C, G, F, B Flat Majors Chromatic Scale 1 Octave
Clarinet, Trumpet, Alto & Tenor Sax	C, F, G Majors & Chromatic Scale 1 Octave
Keyboard, Electric Bass Guitar	C, F, G, B Flat Majors Chromatic Scale 1 Octave
French Horn	C, F, G Majors Chromatic Scale 1 Octave
Percussion	C, B Flat Majors and Chromatic

**Concert Band** children should be able to competently play the musical scales listed below:

Flute, Oboe, Lower Brass	C, G, F, B flat, D Majors, E Flat Major Chromatic Scale 2 octaves where possible
Clarinet, Trumpet, Alto & Tenor Sax	C, G, F, D, B Flat, E Flat Major Chromatic Scale 1 octave, 2 if possible
Keyboard	C, F, G, D, B Flat, E Flat Major and Chromatic
Electric Bass Guitar	C, F, G, D, B Flat, E Flat Major Chromatic Scale 1 Octave
French Horn	C, F, A, B Flat Major, Chromatic Scale 1 Octave
Percussion	Able to tune Timpani; play scales on Glockenspiel/Xylophone; show proper technique for snare drum and other percussive instruments