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Band Basics Camp - Beginner Level 1 (7-8 years)

Exploratory introduction to band instruments and science/music concepts.

Aim: An introductory course for students seeking to explore Band instruments, with a view to find a suitable and engaging instrument to commence focussed study. Learning skills, like developing practice habits and attributes that support instrument learning, self-management skills, and social and communication skills are embedded into the course.

Prerequisite: Students in this program are keen to explore music making with Band Instruments and enjoy interesting experiments in exploring sound. No previous band instrument experience is preferred, and no other music experience is necessary.

Course Information:

The course will suit inquisitive children that will explore the instrumental musical world by playing brass and/or wind band instruments. Students rotate through two of four band available instruments, (Trumpet, Saxophone, Trombone and Flute) to play, discover and experience the fun and joy of music sharing and making.

Instruments and learning materials are provided for learning, and to satisfy the curiosity of how musical instruments work, exploring Sound Physics principles, and how to hold, create sound, and play music on a Band Instrument. Students can then begin their musical pathway of playing in School Instrumental Music Programs, or for pleasure and community music making.

Learning Expectations for the Band Basics Summer Program:

- Enhance fine-motor and social skills through musical instrument exploration.
- Experiencing Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) concepts in Instrumental Music contexts.
- Develop skills in personal management, working as a team and being resilient through learning band instruments.
- Boost self-esteem, learn perseverance, develop social skills and friendships, through learning an instrument.
- Curriculum that guides students to develop instrument skills, build belief in abilities to grow, and establish practice habits.

Content (Music):



Students will learn through group tuition the 'basics of playing' on two musical instruments during the week.

- Learn fingering or positions of 5 notes from the initial Major scale.
- Simple tunes from the Classical to Pop repertoire.
- Introduction to notation (pitch, rhythm etc).
- History, sound production, construction and performance examples of the instrument.

Content (STEM):

Students will be guided to perform fun hands-on science experiments that illustrate science and engineering concepts of Sound and Sound Production. Experiments, investigations and curated videos explain Vibrations and Sound Waves to illustrate musical concepts and sound production on the Band Basics instruments.

Schedule:

Three Streams are available. Brass and Woodwind teaching is separate and simultaneous, and all students gather for STEM and Music Theory activities.

(Streams)

- Introduction to Brass Instruments
- Introduction to Woodwind Instruments
- Introduction to Woodwind and Brass (select one from each).

Stream	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Instrument A (Brass)	A1 - Trumpet	A1 - Trumpet	A2 - Trombone	A2 - Trombone	Select A1 or A2 and perform.
Instrument B (Woodwind [WW])	B1 - Reed (Clarinet / Saxophone)	B1 - Reed (Clarinet / Saxophone)	B2 - Flute	B2 - Flute	Select B1 or B2 and perform.
Combo Instrument (WW & Brass)	Either Trumpet or Reed	Either Trumpet or Reed	Either Flute or Trombone	Either Flute or Trombone	Select WW or Brass and perform.

Musical Instrument playing is interspersed with STEM investigations to 'break' up the physical and mental efforts of playing a Band instrument by switching to hands-on, interesting and fun guided science experiments.



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Resources provided:

Instrument rental service available, please contact: micramus@gmail.com for details.

Print resources are provided, and Online resources are available for student learning and sharing.

This is a one week course.