
EAGLE JUNCTION STATE SCHOOL

Recruitment Process for the Instrumental Music Program 2027



At Eagle Junction State School, students have the opportunity to take part in the Instrumental Music Program from Year 3 to Year 6 (Strings) or Year 4 to Year 6 (Band - Woodwind, Brass & Percussion). Recruitment for each program takes place in Semester 2 of Year 2 (Strings) and Year 3 (Band).

The overarching purpose of the Instrumental Music Program is to provide children with the opportunity to experience the expressive qualities of music through learning to play a band or orchestral instrument and to participate in the concert bands or string ensembles.

As stated in Education Queensland's Instrumental Music Guidelines, recruitment depends on available time for tuition, spaces available in the program and instrumentation necessary for balanced ensembles. For this reason, a very small percentage of applicants are offered a position each year.

More information on the Instrumental Program at EJSS is provided in the [EJSS website](#)

Expression of Interest

There is an opportunity for parents to submit their child's **Expression of Interest** in the instrumental program via an online form. This form must be submitted by **28th August 2026**. Students who do not formally express an interest, but who demonstrate an aptitude for music, are still considered. Click on this link to access the online form:

[Expression of Interest Instrumental Music Program 2027 – Fill out form](#)

Alternatively, scan the QR code on your device:



In selecting students for the instrumental program, the following processes are adhered to:

Musical Aptitude Tests

Musical Aptitude Tests are given to all students in Years 2 and 3. This tests a student's ability to discern differences in rhythm, pitch and melodic contour.

Liaison with Classroom Music Teacher

The classroom music specialist gives a rating for progress, effort and engagement in Music (subject).

Liaison with Classroom Teacher

The classroom teacher provides feedback on homework completion, application to work, organisation, behaviour, academic progress, and the child's capacity to manage the demands of the program, including any potential impact on classroom learning.

Shortlisting

Students are ranked according to the criteria listed above. Rankings are finalised in consultation with the Music Coordinator with careful and fair consideration of all students. The number shortlisted may vary from year to year depending on the number of spaces available. The final decision on selection is made by the Principal.

Letter of Offer

Students selected as suitable candidates will receive a **Letter of Offer** for a specific instrument via email to their parent or guardian. To accept a place in the program, students and their parents or guardians must return the **Acceptance of Offer** form and attend the Information Evening held in Term 4. This session provides an overview of the program's expectations and requirements, while also introducing families to the range of instruments available through the program.

Students who are not offered a place in the program are also notified in an email to the parent/guardian. Students are automatically placed on a waitlist according to their ranking throughout the recruitment process. If more positions become available, a **second round of offers** are made.

Allocation of Musical Instruments

Whilst students' preference of instruments will be considered, students may not receive the instrument of their choice.

The Instrumental Music Teacher determines the most suitable instrument for the child based on the results of a **Physical Assessment** during the testing period. In this test, physical attributes of the child are considered, such as height, size of hands and agility of fingers, and embouchure (braces, overbite) while providing them with opportunities to 'try out' various instruments.

The needs of the ensemble are also taken into consideration when allocating instruments to ensure the school can produce a balanced ensemble of string, woodwind, brass and percussion players.

Notes

- Students accepting a position in the String Program in Year 3 will not be eligible for the Band program in Year 4.
- Students already in the String Program will not be offered a second position in the Band Program. Students cannot receive school tuition in two instruments.
- New students in Years 3 to 6 who already play a string or band instrument upon enrolment at the school may be given a position in the program if a vacancy exists.

Timeline *(shaded sections to be actioned by parents)*

Term 3	Week 1-3	All Year 2 and Year 3 students undergo aural Music Aptitude Test .
	Week 7 <i>Fri 28 Aug</i>	Due date for Expression of Interest . To be submitted via online form.
Term 4	Week 1-5	Shortlisted students undergo further music aptitude testing.
	Week 5	Letter of Offer emailed to parents.
	Week 6 <i>Fri 13 Nov</i>	Due date for Acceptance of Offer . To be submitted via online form.
	Week 7 <i>Thurs 19 Nov</i>	Parent Information Evening