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Expression of Interest

Instrumental Tuition Options:

Instrumental tuition is available for a wide range of musical instruments through the Damascus College Instrumental Music Program. Private lessons are provided by visiting instrumental specialist tutors on a weekly rotational basis during the school day. Any student at the college can take advantage of this program depending on available instrumental tutors and enrolment numbers for the year.

To further develop their skills, students who enrol in the program are expected to participate in a concert band and/or ensemble that suits their level of learning. Held before or after school once a week or during a lunchtime, these rehearsals are an essential component of the program, as they provide students with group performance opportunities and ensemble skills. The ensembles planned for 2017 are: *Concert Band, Choir, Drumline, String Ensemble, Speech Choir and the development of smaller rock and stage based bands.*

Instrument Lesson Fee & Instrument Hire Charges:

Instrumental lessons are provided by private instrumental tutors. Lesson costs have been determined in accordance with the VMTA rates suggested for 2017. Individual lessons are offered for all instruments at a rate of \$34 per 30 minutes. Group lessons are only available for Speech and Drama and Music Theory. These lessons are charged at \$144 per term for groups of no more than three. It is expected that a tutor will deliver 16 lessons per semester, averaging at 8 per term. Therefore, the cost will be \$272 for Individual lessons and \$144 per term for group. Families are required to pay for lessons in advance at the beginning of each term and pay the office directly. This payment is not billed to school fee accounts.

Students are required to have an instrument to practise on at home. Hire of an instrument is available through the company Musiccorp. More information with regard to Musiccorp and instrumental hire can be obtained through the Performing Arts Coordinator.

A Special Offer regarding a limited selection of instruments is available for 2017.....

SPECIAL OFFER FOR INSTRUMENT HIRE 2017

Damascus College has a limited number of instruments that it would like to loan FREE OF CHARGE to students who seek to participate in the Damascus Instrumental Program in 2017. To apply for this offer, students and parents must agree and commit to the following conditions:

- Lessons for the semester must be paid for in advance at the beginning of the semester
- Students will attend a weekly band rehearsal in addition to their private lesson as part of the Damascus College Concert Band. This will be held after school from 3.30pm – 4.30pm each Wednesday.
- Students and parents will agree to the Conditions of Loan which includes any cost of repairs, replacement or maintenance in the case of damaged or lost instruments.

The following instruments are available as part of this offer – flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, alto saxophone.

Any other questions?

If you have any further questions regarding the Instrumental Program please do not hesitate to contact the Performing Arts Coordinator – Music, Mrs Maria Russell at m.russell@damascus.vic.edu.au or call the school directly on 5337 2222.

If you would like to register your interest in the program, please complete the form overleaf and return to the school by **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH 2016.**

Once 'Expressions of Interest' forms are collated, students will be given an official 'Letter of Enrolment and Acceptance' which will include the Conditions of Membership. An invoice for the term's lessons will accompany this.

We look forward to sharing the experience of music with your son or daughter in 2017.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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NAME OF STUDENT: _____

YEAR LEVEL 2017: _____

TA IN 2016 (IF APPLICABLE): _____

I would like to learn the following in 2017...

(PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCES WITH NUMBERS 1 AND 2 IN THE BOXES BELOW. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SECOND PREFERENCE PLEASE ONLY NUMBER ONE INSTRUMENT. IF YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR THE SPECIAL OFFER FOR INSTRUMENT HIRE PLEASE TICK THE BOX ACCORDINGLY)

FLUTE

I wish to apply for the special offer

CLARINET

I wish to apply for the special offer

SAXOPHONE

I wish to apply for the special offer

TRUMPET

I wish to apply for the special offer

TROMBONE

I wish to apply for the special offer

VIOLIN

PIANO

VIOLA

SPEECH AND DRAMA

CELLO

MUSIC THEORY

ELECTRIC / ACOUSTIC GUITAR

VOICE / SINGING

ELECTRIC BASS

DRUMS / PERCUSSION

PLEASE RETURN TO FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH 2016