



**DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
Band Membership 2016**



A Word From Our Principal

I am very proud of the wonderful tradition that music plays at Dural Public School. The comprehensive programs cater for the diverse stages of the children's musical abilities.

The *Beginner Concert Band* is for children starting their musical journey. I strongly encourage all students in Year 3 (and Year 2 for mature students with highly supportive parents) as it has significant benefits in the development of a young student's classroom and social skills.

Our *Senior Concert Band* enables our children to stretch and further develop their musical skills. It offers children with strong musical ability the opportunity to play many and varied pieces as well as participating in public performances.

Our bands have been very successful in Eisteddfods and Festivals often receiving Gold and Silver Awards.

I fully support all our music programs and am always so very proud of all their achievements. We are committed to providing a Band Program that complements and endorses the culture of striving for excellence at Dural Public School. Music is such an important part of a child's development and I encourage you to support your child in becoming a member of one or more of our bands.

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Our Objectives

Strive For Success – Make Dreams Rise

- Inspire a fondness of music
- Pursue musical greatness
- Make friendships
- Create lasting memories of wonderful experiences with the Dural Primary School Band Program

Our Band Culture

“I AM DEDICATED TO MY BAND”

Once students and parents have committed to band, you are asked to honour that commitment for the year. This is fair on the band members, including the conductor and the administration team. Each member is an integral part of the sound, with time and purpose going into choosing a repertoire for each band. Thus, the band suffers greatly when lateness, absence without notice and dropouts become regular.

Our hope is that every child is happy in the band and have the most memorable and challenging times of the week with band friends and with their instrument in their hands. Please contact the conductor and Mr Ben Yabsley-Bell – Faculty Head Teacher and Band Coordinator if you are thinking about terminating your commitment to the band program, for any reason at all.

“I AM DEDICATED TO MY MUSIC”

The joy of personal achievements through self-motivation and hard work begins to shape a student's work ethic. Private Tuition can foster the most beneficial moments in a young student's journey at school. This is possible with the support of parents/guardians and through regular practice times at home. Most personal musical achievement is accomplished during this time demonstrating self-discipline and motivation. Like athletes training their muscles and developing their skills, musicians develop in the time they spend reinforcing concepts they learn in band and at tuition. Purchasing a black music stand along with hiring or buying an instrument is a great step in starting this!

“MY PARENTS ARE MY SUPPORT”

We highly encourage a conscious commitment from parents to help children with their music education. Parents should encourage and support their child's learning. As with their educational school life, music is an avenue that assists in their development. Studies have shown that students with parents who show an interest in and commitment to their learning will ultimately continue learning music for life. What a glorious thing to have and pass on!



Music Partner | OneMaker Academy

OneMaker Academy is a forward-thinking performing arts academy for Music and Dance. OMA aims to build and nurture a creative community that is inspired in all aspects of the arts with a strong emphasis on excellence in teaching and performance.

OMA is an initiative of Pacific Hills Christian School but OMA operates as its own entity, developing pipelines of access to the local and international Creative Industries. We are located at the front of Pacific Hills in a new multi-million dollar facility catering for educational and performance-based services.



Our Mission

Encourage excellence in all aspects of creative and performance development.

Nurture and cultivate creative expression, natural abilities and musical potential through establishing successful band programs and creative initiatives.

Build and foster healthy professional relationships with music educators and performers, local schools, surrounding communities, like-minded businesses and international partners for access and mentorship of OMA students.

To support and invest in the mentors, teachers and performers of the music industry associated with OMA.

Our Facilities

- 472 Seat Performance Auditorium
- 100 Seat Performance Space
- Industry standard Harlequin Dance Floor
- 6 Recording Studios & Practice Rooms
- High-end music equipment & Apple technology

Our Services

- Private Tuition
- Instrument Hire
- Music & Dance Festivals and Events
- Band Program Management
- Dance Classes
- Venue Hire



Partnership for the future

Dural Primary School representatives and the OMA team will be working closely to ensure the experience of current and future students of the DPS Band Program is easy, informative and highly satisfying.

This partnership will continue to work very closely with the DPS parent community to provide the most inspiring experiences for students of the Band Program. If you would like to become a contributing member to the operation and direction of our Band Program, please contact the OMA Office via email info@onemakeracademy.com.au

We are working towards an effective and enjoyable partnership for everyone.

OneMaker Academy

OMA is responsible for the management of the DPS Band Program. Invoices are emailed directly to parents and are payable online or by cash, cheque, direct transfer and credit card. Email is the best form of communication. This includes any queries regarding Band Membership, invoicing, lesson cancellations, orders, general enquiries and anything to do with the services we provide. Contact with tutors is made through our office.

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Band Program Ensembles

Beginner Concert Band

The Beginner Concert Band (BCB) is the first step in the Concert Band program. Usually this is the first year of playing an orchestral instrument. It is open to all years as beginners. All students in Year 3 (and suitable students in Year 2) are strongly encouraged to participate.

Rehearsal Wednesday Morning 7:45am – 9:15am

Details Instrument Trials are run by OMA tutors in Term 4 each year to give students in Year 2, 3 and 4 the opportunity to try every instrument in the Concert Band. The test is to obtain results based on musical and natural ability that point to the most suitable instrument for an individual student. The result will be communicated to parents and students after the test. In doing this, we hope to give students the best chance of commencing an instrument that is easy to play now and as they develop. We don't want students choosing instruments because it looks good or their friend is playing that instrument only to be discouraged in finding that it is terribly difficult to play for physical and musical reasons that are individual to that student. We are fostering a good start to a long life of music!

Senior Concert Band

The Senior Concert Band (SCB) is for advanced woodwind, brass and percussion players. The SCB will perform at festivals and other representative opportunities as the school's premier Concert Band ensemble. In the past, SCB has combined with the School Chamber String Ensemble to form an exciting Orchestra Performance Ensemble.

Rehearsal Thursday Morning 7:45am – 9:15am

Details BCB students advance to SCB on the same instrument. As the Band Program grows, there may be a suitable time to introduce an Intermediate Concert Band for BCB member to advance to before graduating to SCB.

Extension Ensembles

Advanced ensembles occur based on student interest and numbers. These may include, but are not limited to: Jazz Band, Woodwind, Rock Band, Drum Line and Guitar ensembles.

Rehearsal TBC

Details Jazz Band - Expressions of interest and audition details can be obtained by contacting OMA.



Applying for Band Membership

If you are interested in your child(ren) joining the Band you will be required to complete the Band Application Form. This Form is included at the back of this Handbook. For each child, detach and complete the Forms and return to OneMaker Academy.

Private Tuition

In addition to the weekly rehearsal, it is a mandatory component of the Band Program that students attend a weekly music lesson.

Beginner Concert Band

Private Tuition is recommended as this ensures that students are given the most effective start to learning their instrument. Progress at the early stage of a student's musical endeavours are less effective in large groups of tuition. However, group lessons of 2 (Duo Lessons) are beneficial when managed with daily practice.

Senior Concert Band

Tuition is typically 1:1 and is tailored to personal abilities and targeted to specific improvements. OneMaker Academy tutors invest in helping your children to achieve significant musical milestones and have a lot of fun along the way. Representatives from the OMA Tutor team will occasionally visit the weekly rehearsals of BCB and SCB to 'sit in' rehearsals. This is always an exciting time for students to connect with their Tutor and hear how professionals play their music!

Dural Public School endorses and encourages Private Lessons with OMA for the benefit of a comprehensive musical and relational oversight. **Whilst Private Tuition is mandatory for membership of the Band Program**, it is not mandatory to have lessons with OMA if it is more suitable to go elsewhere. In this case, please provide proof of Private Tuition by notifying OMA in writing; the name of the tutor(and or institution), contact details for Band advice and length of lesson. Any band member who wishes not to participate in tuition will need to explain their situation with DPS Principal, Milly Stone for further discussion.

Band Committee

The DPS Band Committee is comprised of parent volunteers. We encourage all parents/carers to actively participate in the many and various roles available. We also welcome interested parents to attend our meetings which take place throughout each Term.

Band Performance & Rehearsal Requirements

It is an expectation that as part of an ensemble that each student will attend weekly rehearsals and performances and eisteddfods as required. Failure to attend without prior written parental notice may result in student being asked to leave the ensemble. Permission notes and information on performances will be sent home as required.



Band Camp

An important component of our Band Program is attendance at our annual Band Camp. All Band members are required to attend the Intensive. It offers children a stimulating blend of Band work, time with tutors and fun team activities. In 2016 the Band Camp will be held at Crusaders' Galston Gorge from May 2 – 4th.

Band Uniform

All Band members are required to wear a band uniform for performances – black long sleeved shirt, black long pants, black socks and shoes. These can be sourced from your local Big W, Kmart or Best & Less etc. Some second hand items may be available for purchase in 2015. Costs may vary but will be confirmed early in 2015. The School provides a Band vest for performances and scrunchies are also available for girls.

Financial Commitment

Band Membership

The Band Program is priced very reasonably. This is designed to encourage and support parents through investing in the opportunities and experiences available to their child(ren) within musical extra-curricular activities.

Band Membership:	\$75 per term
Sibling Band Membership:	\$50 per term
Subsequent Ensembles:	\$40 per term
Yearly Band Membership Fee:	\$50 per family
Band Bag:	\$14.50 per student (first year of membership only)

Instrument Hire

Instrument hire is available through OMA. One of the benefits of hiring through OMA is that servicing and minor repairs are covered within the cost. There is also no waiting as we will replace your instrument upon servicing. Prices vary per instrument and instrument packages. See the terms and conditions for payment options.

Private Tuition

Private Tuition takes place at DPS and the OMA studio after school. Tuition runs for 9 weeks per school term. Fortnightly and dual lessons are available.

Private Tuition:	\$37 per week
Sibling Rate:	\$35 per week
Fortnightly Rate:	\$41 per week
Duo Tuition:	\$23 per week (with availability in groups of two only)



Refunds for Band Events

As most Band events need to be paid in advance and as our vendors have 'no refund policies' we are unable to offer any refunds on Band events, camps or excursions.

Late or No Payments

The Band Program is offered via our music partner, OneMaker Academy. Band fees, instrument hire and music tuition invoiced by OMA will be subject to their payment terms and conditions.

Terminating your Band Membership

If you wish to terminate Band membership you will be required to complete the Band Termination Advice. This form is included at the back of this Handbook. Complete the form, detach and return to the DPS office.

Information and Resources

School Newsletter

All Band related information and events are included in the School Newsletter which is distributed to all families via email every Thursday. It is also available for download from the DPS website.

www.duralpublicschool.com.au/extra-curricular/Band.aspx

Dural Public School App

The DPS App often has reminders about school and excursion performances for the Band Program.

Online Account

OneMaker Academy uses a cutting edge scheduling and billing system to help with the administration of our Band, Dance and Private Lessons. You will receive weekly reminders of your scheduled appointments as well as easy-to-use online account payment options.

OneMaker Academy

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Application for School Bands

Band Membership

I/We hereby apply to OneMaker Academy and Dural Public School for

Child's Name _____ **of Class** _____

to join the Dural Public School Band Program.

Please indicate whether you are re-enrolling or are a new member:

New Membership

Sibling of: (if applicable)

Re-enrolling Membership

Please tick the Band(s) you wish to join/remain in. Ensure you have read the handbook for Band requirements.

Beginner Concert Band

Senior Concert Band

Extension Ensemble: _____

Instrument of Choice _____



Details of person responsible for Payment

Parents/Guardian Names _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Home _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Instrument Requirements

Does your child(ren) have their own instrument? (please circle) YES NO

Will you be hiring an instrument with OMA? (please circle) YES NO

Instrument of request _____

Private Tuition

It is a Band requirement that each child has private tuition. If you are participating in tuition that is not through OMA please complete the details below:

Music School _____ Phone _____

Tutor's Name _____ Day & Time of Lesson _____

Email _____

Do you wish to be contacted by OMA to organize a suitable time for Private Tuition in 2015

(please circle) YES NO



Previous Experience

Whilst previous experience is not necessary to join the Beginner Bands, please provide details of any experience or instrument tuition.

DURAL BANDS & OMA Photo / Video Release Permission

I **DO** give permission to publish in print, electronic or video format the likeness or image of my child

I **DO NOT** give permission to publish in print, electronic or video format the likeness or image of my child

Terms and Conditions

Fees: Band fees are due at the beginning of each term.

Termination: Termination is required in writing and requires a full term's notice.

Private Tuition: is a requirement for all Band members.

Excursions/Public Performances/Band Camp: is a requirement that all students attend. A permission note will be issued and is required to be signed by the caregiver and returned for each excursion / out of school performance and band camp.

Culture, Attendance & Participation: Please be aware of the culture of our band, the performance expectation of each member in the Band and their integral part of the team. A summary of expectations and attitude is below:

- Students have a full year's commitment to their ensemble(s)
- Attend and arrive promptly to all rehearsals and performances
- Notify your conductor of any absence for rehearsal and/or performance at least 2 weeks in advance.
- All absences not pre-approved require a written explanation to the conductor
- Demonstrate satisfactory progress on their chosen instrument
- Behave with respect, responsibility and friendliness at all times
- Weekly private tuition is required for all students in instrumental ensembles
- Failure to commit to the above requirements of Band Membership may result in removal from the ensemble

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I acknowledge that I have read and understood the terms and conditions listed in this agreement.

Signature of Parent _____ Dated _____



Band Termination Advice

Complete form, detach and return to OMA office or scan and email to info@onemakeracademy.com.au

I / We hereby give notice to Dural Public School Bands and OMA for

Child's name _____ **of Class** _____

Will be terminating his / her band membership from the following Band(s).

Effective from end of:

Term 1

Term 2

Term 3

Term 4

A full term's notice is required to terminate Band. Ensure you have paid any outstanding fees before returning.

Signature of Parent _____ **Dated** _____

Reason for Termination

We are sad to see you leave.... We hope your experience with the Dural Band Program and OMA team has been satisfactory and we encourage you to continue your musical endeavours!