



Instrumental Music Program – Band Pathways & Opportunities

Magill School is proud to offer a vibrant and structured Instrumental Music (IM) Program, providing students with the opportunity to learn Percussion, Brass, and Woodwind instruments. Students begin their journey with weekly face-to-face small group lessons and can progress through a structured pathway leading to band participation and performance opportunities.

All Instrumental Music students will have the opportunity to perform at our Instrumental Music concert in Term 4, regardless of ability.

Entry Level – Beginner Pathway

Students in their first year of the Instrumental Music program will begin with weekly 30-minute face-to-face instrumental music lessons during school hours.

- Semester 2: Students will transition into the Junior/Beginner Band, where they will rehearse as a group in preparation for their performance at the annual Instrumental Music Concert in Term 4.
- Following on from the concert, students who meet the minimum performance standard, as determined by Instrumental Music teachers and the Conductor, may be invited to advance to the next level: the Magill School Band.
- Those who are not initially selected for the Magill School Band will be offered additional workshop opportunities and are encouraged to continue developing their skills for future advancement.

Intermediate Level – Magill School Band

The **Magill School Band** is the next step in the band pathway and is limited to **up to 45 students**. Placement in the Magill School Band is based on:

- Achieving the **minimum required performance standard**, ensuring students are prepared for the demands of ensemble playing as determined by Instrumental Music teachers.
- Commitment to the program by attending rehearsals regularly

The Magill School Concert Band holds **weekly rehearsals on Tuesday mornings at 8:20am**.

Advanced Level – Competition Band

Students demonstrating a high level of musical ability may be provided the opportunity to join Magill School's **Competition Band**, which represents our school at the annual **ABODA Festival**—a prestigious event where Adelaide's top primary school bands compete.

Each year, the Conductor, in consultation with Instrumental Music teachers and the Principal, will determine whether the overall level of playing meets the standard required to compete. A Competition Band will only be entered into the ABODA Festival if it is determined that the ensemble is at a suitable level, with the right mix of musicians, based on set criteria and with a maximum of 35 students.

Rehearsals for the Competition Band will commence six weeks prior to the event. Students not selected will not participate in band during this time.

Summary

The Magill School Instrumental Music Program provides students with a clear and structured pathway from beginner lessons to advanced performance opportunities. Whether students participate in our Junior Band, Magill School Band, or Competition Band, they will gain valuable musical skills, teamwork experience, and the opportunity to showcase their talents at performance level.