

# Gilgandra Public School

## Honesty & Courtesy



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Dear Parent / Caregiver

### Does your child want to learn a musical instrument?

In partnership with Macquarie Conservatorium, our students have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument at school during school time. Students can enrol with Macquarie Conservatorium for tuition on an instrument from the range below\*. Each week, Conservatorium teachers give the music lessons at school during the school day.

Group class tuition is offered for complete beginners and also for those who already play these instruments:

**WIND:** • Flute • Clarinet • Saxophone

**BRASS:** • Trumpet • Trombone • Tuba • Euphonium • Baritone horn • French horn

Instruments have a minimum age for starting tuition.

For Wind and Brass, students can start tuition from Year 3, depending on suitability for particular instruments.

*\*All group classes and instruments are offered subject to sufficient enrolments and teacher availability.*

### 2020 Macquarie Conservatorium Fees for group class tuition are:

- 30-minute group class (3-5 students): \$155 per 10 week term
- Plus one-off annual family membership of \$25

Fees are paid in advance to the Conservatorium. Additional costs a student must cover are purchase or hire of an instrument, plus purchase of music books. Students must have their own instrument to take part in music lessons.

*Financial support:* Macquarie Conservatorium is a registered provider for NSW Government *Creative Kids* vouchers. Macquarie Conservatorium does offer some bursary support for families on limited income: email [info@macqcon.org.au](mailto:info@macqcon.org.au) for more information. *Rural Aid* is also offering music scholarships to drought-affected families: visit <https://www.giftofmusic.org.au/scholarships/>

### 'PUFF AND BLOW' Session – Instrument Demonstration and Tryouts

On Thursday 7 November, teachers from Macquarie Conservatorium will visit our school to demonstrate a range of instruments to our students and to run a 'Puff and Blow' Instrument Tryout session.

This Puff and Blow session is for students interested in starting musical tuition as beginners in 2020. Your child will be given the chance to try out the instrument they are interested in. Conservatorium teachers will then recommend if this instrument suits them, or if not, an alternative instrument will be recommended. This is not a test for talent or ability, it is just to make sure the student can physically manage their preferred instrument.

If you would like your child to participate in the "Puff and Blow" Instrument Tryout session on Thursday 7 November please complete and return the Expression of Interest slip below to the school office by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. This is not a commitment to enrol.

At the Instrument Try-outs, your child will be given a Macquarie Conservatorium *Request to Enrol Form* to take home. If you wish to go ahead and enrol your child for 2020, return this form immediately to Macquarie Conservatorium, and you will be sent your Enrolment Package. To enrol, you then need to complete two forms provided in that package, and return those forms with payment of annual membership and a fee deposit to Macquarie Conservatorium by the due date of Mon 2 December.

Places are limited: allocations will be made on a first-come first-serve basis, so don't delay in **FIRST** returning your *Request to Enrol Form* to Macquarie Conservatorium and **SECOND** when sent your enrolment package, completing and returning your enrolment forms with the required payment to Macquarie Conservatorium by 2 December.

Please note: all enrolments and fee payments are made directly with Macquarie Conservatorium, **NOT** with the school. Lessons start from Term 1 2020.

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"PUFF AND BLOW" INSTRUMENT DEMO & TRYOUT SESSION

My child ..... in class ..... is interested in learning an instrument at school with Macquarie Conservatorium in 2020, and would like to take part in the Instrumental Music Tuition "Puff and Blow" Tryout session at school on **Thursday 7 November**.

The instrument my child would like to try is ..... (or put Don't know if not sure)  
*(Please select from list above)*

Parent's signature: ..... Date: .....

*Please return this slip to the school office no later than Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November to register for this session.*