

PENNANT HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MUSIC CAMP
17 MARCH – 19 MARCH 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are fortunate at Pennant Hills Public School to have had a highly successful Music Program for a number of years. In recent years it has evolved to include an annual residential Music Camp organised by the P&C. The collaboration between our School, Band Committee, String Ensemble Committee and Choir Program provides the foundation for this wonderful weekend.

At camp, our aim is to enhance this program by providing an intensive weekend of musical experience. **All musicians at our school are expected to attend.**

Venue

Elanora Conference Centre

19A Wesley St
Elanora Heights

Cost

Full weekend rate: \$255.00 per child.

Day Stay Only (k-2 string group): \$160.00 for 2 days (Sat/Sun).

This includes (where applicable): bus transport **to and from Elanora**, two nights' accommodation, all meals from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch (including morning teas, afternoon tea and suppers), a weekend of musical tuition, Music Camp t-shirt, and other supervised recreational activities.

We will require confirmation of attendance and full payment for each child by Wednesday 1 March, 2017.

Please note that we are unable to issue a refund should your child not attend.

If any family is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Diana Swanton as soon as possible to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Please be assured that all discussions are treated with the utmost confidence.

Supervision

PHPS Music Teacher Julie Anne Stevens and class teachers Mrs Melissa Griffiths, Miss Jade Catherall and Mrs Monica Polkinghorne will be staying at the camp and supervising activities all weekend. They will be assisted by Band, String Group and Choir parent helpers.

Musical Tuition

Our conductors are Mr Dave Odams, Mrs Deb Muir, Mr James Gastineau-Hills and Ms Julie Anne Stevens.

All tutorials/sectionals/choir sessions will be undertaken by experienced musicians.

Accommodation

Accommodation is in comfortable cabins with bunk beds. There are separate bathrooms for males and females. Boys and girls will be accommodated in separate buildings. Children will be under adult supervision at all times.

Camp T-shirt

Each student will receive a t-shirt to wear on and after camp.

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Sporting and other weekend activities

Music Camp is a once a year event with the schedule formatted to ensure the most valuable musical experience possible for each child. Children are expected to attend for the entire weekend as rehearsals require a full complement of musicians in order to be of most benefit.

If your child **must** leave Music Camp, they will need to be signed out and back into camp and will unfortunately miss any sessions that have taken place in their absence. Also, please inform Diana Swanton on the details below so that accurate catering details are provided to Elanora.

Arrival and Departure Details

This year we will be providing buses for travel to and from Music Camp. These buses will leave the 3-6 site at 3:45pm on Friday 17 March. All campers will remain at school between 3.15 and 3:45 under the supervision of parent helpers and then travel by bus to Elanora. There will be more information regarding luggage arrangements in the lead-up to Music Camp.

The camp will conclude on Sunday 19 March with a **concert performance in the School Hall on the K-2 site**. Campers will travel by bus back to the school on Sunday morning. All Music Camp attendees will be involved in this concert. **The concert will run from 1.30pm to 3:00pm**. All family and friends are warmly invited to attend this concert.

Registration and Payment

We require registration and full payment for each child by Wednesday 1 March, 2017.

Registration must be completed online at <https://www.trybooking.com/OSOG> including payment by credit card.

Once you have successfully registered, you should receive a confirmation email. If you haven't received the confirmation within 24 hours of registering, please contact Diana Swanton via the details below.

Each family will receive a '**Final Information Letter**' by Friday 3 March. It will contain final details for the camp weekend including emergency contact numbers, the timetable, and a checklist of what to bring.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Diana Swanton at phpsmusiccamp@gmail.com or 0417 132 703.

We look forward to having your child at Pennant Hills Public School P&C Music Camp 2017. It will be a fabulous musical experience for all.

Music Camp Organising Group