Dear PHPS Music Program Families,

Every year our combined PHPS music program and the P&C collaborate to organise an annual residential Music Camp held at Elanora Conference Centre in Elanora Heights. 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.

Cost Full weekend rate: \$285.00 per child.

This includes: 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, and other supervised recreational activities.

Unfortunately we have had to increase the fee by 10% this year, as we ran at a loss last year attempting to keep the cost for families down. We are very conscious that at this time of year there is a lot of money going out for music tuition and school fees and if any family is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact phpsmusiccamp@gmail.com as soon as possible to discuss alternative payment arrangements. Please be assured that this will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Supervision PHPS music teacher Ms Julie Anne Stevens and teachers Ms Lucy Ashelford and Ms Kristie O'Toole 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, Mr James Gastineau-Hills and Ms Julie Anne Stevens and Ms Rose Foster. All tutorials/sectionals/choir sessions will be undertaken by experienced musicians.

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. A 'what to pack' list will be provided after registrations close.

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 <u>entire</u> weekend as rehearsals require a full complement of musicians in order to be of most benefit.

Arrival and Departure We provide buses for travel to and from Music Camp. These buses will leave at the earlier time of 2pm on Friday 29 March. The camp will conclude on Sunday 31 March with a concert performance in the School Hall on the K-2 site. Campers will travel back to the school by bus in time for lunch (which is provided) followed by the concert starting at 1:30. 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 Monday 4 March 2019. Please note that we are unable to issue a refund should your child not attend. Trybooking registration link will be sent out Monday the 18 Feb.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the coordinators at phpsmusiccamp@gmail.com or Jen Whalan on 0405809320.

We look forward to having your child at Pennant Hills Public School P&C Music Camp 2019. It will be a fabulous musical experience for all. PHPS Music Camp Committee