



# Niagara Park Public School

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## **BAND PROGRAM 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big welcome to all of the students enrolled in our band program for 2020. It's sure to be another exciting musical year for everyone. Niagara Park Public School has two concert bands; **Geckos:** students in their first year of our band program and **Goannas:** students in their second and subsequent years of our band program. Both bands have multiple opportunities to perform during the year at school assemblies and special occasions as well as their big annual excursion to Bandfest in Week 2 Term 4.

Our band program is run by Teaching Services Australia (TSA) with Mrs Catherine Clarke and Miss Stephanie Goldie as the teacher coordinators for Niagara Park Public School. TSA have already sent out an email to all students currently enrolled in the band program. If you have not yet received your enrolment confirmation, please contact TSA Office on: 02 9651 7333.

Our band program staff for 2020 are Mr Rowen McBride (Goannas Band Director/tutor), Mrs Pauline Ainsworth (Geckos Band Director/tutor) and Mitch Lowe (tutor). All three will be providing music tuition to students on Fridays.

To ensure any concerns or queries are addressed appropriately for you throughout the course of the year, below is a quick reference guide for whom to contact:

- For **enrolment, payments, instrument hire/purchase** please contact the TSA Office at: [info@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:info@teachingservices.com.au)
- For **information specifically related to your child** (tutorial times, progress, instrument selection etc) please contact Pauline Ainsworth at [pauline@teachingservices.com.au](mailto:pauline@teachingservices.com.au)
- For information regarding **band performance and excursions, band uniform and general school/band enquiries** please contact Catherine Clarke at [catherine.clarke33@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:catherine.clarke33@det.nsw.edu.au) and Stephanie Goldie at: [stephanie.goldie@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.goldie@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone the school on 43 283397
- A class Dojo account will be set up for each band and important reminders and updates will be posted there

### **Rehearsals:**

**Goannas:** rehearsals for students in the Goannas band will commence this **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3:00pm to 4:00pm** in the Music Room. Students are required to be collected from the school hall by an adult. To ensure student safety, students will not be permitted to meet at the school gates.

**Geckos:** rehearsals for students in the Geckos band will commence in **Term 2** once students have mastered some of the basic music skills and are ready to begin ensemble playing. A note will come home in Term 2 with further details; however please note these rehearsals will be held before school 8:00am to 8:45am in the Music Room.

**Band Uniform:**

Band uniform will be required for all band performances. The uniform is as follows:

- Band/choir polo shirt
- Long black pants
- Black socks
- Black shoes

The school bands and choir wear the same uniform for performances so if your child has an existing polo shirt for either group, they do not need to purchase a new one. A polo shirt order form will be sent home in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing the progression of both our Geckos and Goannas this year.

Yours sincerely,

**Catherine Clarke and Stephanie Goldie**  
**Band Coordinators**