**MOUNT KURING-GAI PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND**

**TRY AN INSTRUMENT SESSION**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Training Band is currently looking for new members for next year.

On **Wednesday 8 November at 10:30am**, there will be a ‘try an instrument’ session in the hall for all Year 2 students.  Students in Years 3 to 5 will also have the opportunity to attend if they are interested.

They will have the opportunity to try a range of instruments, under the supervision of professional musicians. Information will be available on where to hire or buy instruments and the contact details for music tutors.

**Why play a musical instrument?**

Music affects the brain in many positive ways. It makes you smarter, happier and more productive. Listening is good, playing is even better.

Playing music in a band not only encourages teamwork, but is scientifically proven to help brain function. Children with musical training are shown to do better in subjects like language, reading and maths. They also have better fine motor skills than their non-musical classmates. In addition to all these benefits, playing in a band is great fun!

**The Band Program at Mount Kuring-gai**

* Our **Training Band** rehearses on a Friday morning from 8.30am until 9.15am. Each student is required to hire or buy their own instrument.
* Band fees are $100 per term. In addition to band rehearsals, students are required to have an instrumental lesson each week. Private lessons typically cost $30 - $35.
* Training band members progress to our **Performance Band** as their skills develop.
* All band members are given opportunities to perform throughout the year. Events include the Berowra Music Festival, Celebration of Learning, Kindy Kickstart presentation, as well as various school assemblies.