



Melrose High School

Marr Street Pearce ACT 2607
ABN 25 459 896 375

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MUSIC CAMP @ Birrigai - Monday 1 May – Wednesday 3 May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

A Music Camp is planned for May as a period of intense preparation for the Melrose High School Concert Band and Beginner Band. The Concert Band will be preparing for the National Eisteddfod, which is held shortly after the camp, and the camp is also an opportunity for the Beginner Band students to start working with the school Concert Band and further develop their skills. Music camps have been run successfully since 1996 and they are always a highlight for all students involved in music ensembles.

At the camp, there will be visiting tutors leading tutorials, which will help the students get specialised assistance with their instrument. There will also be sectional rehearsals, full practices for the two bands, as well as combined rehearsals. The camp will, therefore, provide the concentrated rehearsal time necessary for a high standard of concert performance by each group.

Staff: Mr Nathan Sciberras and Miss Lucy Sedlacek. These teachers will be assisted by visiting instrumental tutors from Canberra Music Tuition. The cost of the specialist tutors is included in the total camp fee.

Accommodation: Dormitory rooms at Birrigai, with shared bathroom facilities. Birrigai provides beds and blankets **but linen and pillows are not provided.**

Meals: will be provided and prepared by Birrigai catering staff, but students may bring sensible snacks.

Transport: Deanes Buses will leave Melrose HS on Monday 1 May 2017 at 9.15am. Students should arrive at school no later than 8:30am to assist with loading the buses. The buses will return to Melrose on Wednesday 3 May 2017 at approximately 2pm – 2.30pm.

Please Bring:

- Single bed sheet/s or sleeping bag, and a pillow
- Towel and toiletry requirements
- Board games, balls etc. for free time
- Torch
- Warm and sensible clothing (school uniform is **not** required)
- Warm sleepwear (night time temperatures will be low)
- Two changes (at least) of clothes
- **Instrument, spare reeds, cork grease, valve oil, music books**

COST: \$270 (accommodation, meals, tutorials, transport to and from Birrigai, administration and relief cover for Melrose staff at the camp). **A \$50 deposit is due by 3 April to secure your place, and the remainder is due by 24 April. You are welcome to complete payments in instalments.**

The Music camp is an extra-curricula activity organised by the Arts & Technology Faculty and attendance is not compulsory. Students not attending will follow a normal timetable at school for the duration of the camp. As this is an optional activity, a payment will be required to cover the costs. If the school is unable to cover the costs, the school may not be able to provide the activity. Individual records of contributions are confidential. Depending on your situation, this payment may be tax deductible.

Please return the attached medical form and permission note to the Finance Office **by Monday 3 April 2017, with payment of \$50 deposit.**

Mr Nathan Sciberras



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Permission Note for Music Camp @ Birrigai

I, _____ hereby give permission for my son/daughter

_____ to attend the Music Camp excursion on 1 - 3 May 2017

I understand the transport arrangements involved.

Immediate medical needs of my child (eg. diabetic, anaphylactic, asthmatic) _____

Dietary needs of my child _____

Parent contact if needed during excursion (Necessary)

Parent/Carer: Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities. Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property that may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, wilful or disobedient behaviour.

It is customary for the school to request a financial contribution towards meeting the cost of your child's participation in this camp/excursion. The school has made every effort to keep costs for this activity at a reasonable level. This is an enrichment activity so a payment will be required to cover all costs. The school reserves the right to cancel the activity should all costs not be covered. Individual records of contributions are confidential.

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____ Date : ___ / ___ / ___

PAYMENT SLIP FOR MUSIC CAMP Total Cost \$270. Teacher: Sciberras

It would be appreciated if payment was received by: \$50 deposit by 3 April, balance due by 24 April.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ cash/credit card/cheques made out to Melrose High

Student Name: _____

Credit Card Facility – MINIMUM PAYMENT \$20 (Please Tick which card applies)

MasterCard Visa Expiry date: _____

Please print name on card: _____ Signature: _____

Card No _____ Date _____

Online Payment <http://www.melrosehs.act.edu.au/payment> and follow the prompts.

Online Payment Code: 8060-000-00

Direct payments can be made to Westpac Bank Account Number: 001658 – BSB 032777 please put family name and description of the payment (eg. Music Camp surname) and email judith.rogers@ed.act.edu.au to confirm payment.