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Dear Parents of our Junior and Senior band,

Band Program resuming next week

After a short Zoom meeting with the Band Committee last week I have decided to resume the Band program next week with modifications so that we are complying with the COVID guidelines and regulations.

Until the end of Term 3 we will resume our Band Program with the following modifications:

Senior Band- Ben Dickson

Monday and Wednesday mornings 7.30-8.40am- Senior Band will rehearse in the hall without their wind instruments. Percussion and musicianship will be the focus of these lessons. Students will go over their pieces and listen to recordings, with follow up tasks allocated for practice during the week. Music theory and discussion along with drumming and percussion workshops will form the structure of these rehearsals. Year 4 students will be separated from the year 5 and 6 cohort. All students will need to bring their music each rehearsal.

Year 6 Band members will work towards a final performance for the end of the year. Zoom tuition and pre-recordings will assist in the preparation for this performance.

Junior Band- Carlos Villanueva

Monday 4.00pm -5.00pm – Alternative Zoom rehearsal for those who can't do the Zoom on Thursday mornings.

Tuesday morning 7.30am-8.40am- "School of Rock" morning. Junior Band will rehearse face to face in the school hall without their instruments. Percussion and the use of guitars and ukuleles will be the foundation of these lessons. Students will be required to practice their instruments at home during the week, but will come to school on Thursday to go over pieces using the percussion and string instruments. All students will be required to bring their music to these lessons.

Thursday Morning- 7.45am- 8.30am- Zoom rehearsal from home. Carlos will be providing online tuition of the Junior Band via a zoom link each Thursday. The rehearsal will start promptly at 7.45am and finish at 8.30am allowing students to then come to school. More explanation and online protocols will be forwarded to parents next week.

We appreciate all the work our conductors are doing to keep our Band Program going during these difficult times. The school will support parents and students as best we can with these changes to arrangements. Thank you for trialling this new way of rehearsing for the next few weeks.

Tina Lee

Principal