Dear Parents & Guardians,

Instrumental Music offers students opportunities to develop musical skills, appreciation and expression, as well as opportunities for diverse community involvement.

Collaborative skills and friendships are developed through having to work closely with others. In order to gain meaningful benefits from the program, students undertaking Instrumental Music are required to make a commitment to long-term involvement. The program aims to give students a lifelong appreciation of all styles and genres of music.

Students are expected to:
- Work respectfully and cooperatively with band/orchestra leaders, teachers and other students
- Demonstrate care and respect in the handling and maintenance of their instrument
- Attend weekly lessons and rehearsals, in addition to practising at home
- Contribute actively to school and public performances during school time, as well as outside normal school hours

**Instruments**
Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone *
Brass: Trumpet, Trombone, French horn and Euphonium *
Voice
Piano/Keyboard
Guitar, Bass Guitar
Drum Kit/Percussion

**Instrument Hire**
SOSC has some instruments available for hire at no cost, please check with the Music Department if you would like to hire an instrument for home practice. These include acoustic guitars, keyboards, brass and woodwind instruments.

**Ensembles**
The ensemble program includes: Choir, Guitar Ensemble, Stage Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble & Contemporary Ensemble.

**Lesson structure**
Each group is carefully constructed to ensure students are generally at the same level of development. Occasional changes to group composition may occur in consultation with the Instrumental Teacher.
Timetable
Lessons take place on a rotation system.
For Example: Week 1, lesson on a Monday, Period 1 Week 2, lesson on a Monday, Period 2

Lessons are scheduled on the student’s timetable in Compass. Students are required to attend music lessons, and need to negotiate a catch-up lesson with their instrumental teacher if they need to miss a lesson due to a test, illness, or excursion. Students should leave class 5 minutes before their scheduled music lesson.

Home practice routine.
Regular home practice is essential. The amount of practice will vary and will be advised by the Instrumental teacher.

Instrumental Music Fees 2016
SOSC receives a very small allocation of instrumental staff from the Education Department. The majority of our instrumental music teachers are paid from the music fees and a school council allocation. Payment of these fees is essential to the viability of our program.

Initial enrolment in the program is for a minimum period of one year. At the start of each year a full 12 month commitment (8 lessons per term) is expected. Lesson fees for the program are as follows:

* Special offer once off charge of $70 for the year for the first 50 Year 7 students who sign up for Woodwind or Brass instrument.

All other instruments & Vocal Program - $280.00 per year.

To ensure a prompt start to the lessons, please return forms and pay music fees by the first week back at school 2016.

Please be advised, lessons commence only upon payment of fees to the General Office.

These are Annual Fees. There will be NO REFUND if students withdraw from lessons.

It is acknowledged that lessons cannot be offered a lesson every week of the school year. Camps, excursions, other school activities, public holidays, etc. impact the number of lessons offered. This is reflected in the annual tuition charge of 8 lessons per term. If a teacher is absent (illness), we are not always able to arrange for a suitable replacement. Lessons may need to be cancelled for that day. The Music Department may be able to fund “make-up lessons” but this is not always the case. In the case of extended absence we will make every attempt to arrange substitute teachers. In most cases, students who miss lessons due to forgetfulness, illness, refusal, etc. will not have the opportunity to make-up lessons.

Instrumental Music Assessment
Students undertaking instrumental lessons will be assessed in the following areas:
• Solo performance
• Group performance where applicable
• Technical work
• Organisation & home practice

Places are limited
The SOSC program is extremely popular, many instruments fill up quickly. A place cannot be held without payment.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC APPLICATION/PERMISSION FORM

Name of Student __________________________________________________

*First Instrument Choice ____________________________________________
*Second Instrument Choice __________________________________________

"First choice" instruments will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. In rare cases, "Second choice" instruments may be substituted at director's discretion to balance instrumentation.

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

I, ___________________________, parent/guardian of the above-named student, do hereby grant permission for my child to take instrumental music lessons for the 2016 school year. I understand that my child will be responsible for any class work missed as a result of attending the weekly lessons. I will ensure that my son or daughter prepares the weekly assignments through at-home practice and abides by all rules and regulations of the Instrumental Music Program. I understand that this is a one-year commitment and I will be billed for one year of lessons.

Parent/Guardian Signature____________________________________________

Parent/Guardian email _____________________ ______@ ______________________

STUDENT PLEDGE

I, ____________________, wish to participate in the Instrumental Music Program. I pledge to abide by all rules and regulations as set forth by the instructor, including regular attendance at lessons and band rehearsals and the establishment of a regular practice routine.

Student signature _______________________________________________

If you are experiencing difficulties in paying Instrumental Music Fees, please contact Cara in the General Office.

MAIL ORDER AUTHORITY (Please complete this section)

Students Name: 

Card Number ____________ Expiry Date ____________

Please charge my: 

☐ Mastercard Cardholder’s Name (as shown on card) ____________________________

☐ Visa Phone __________________________

Cardholder’s Signature __________________________ Date ____________
**INSTRUMENT HIRE**

Please return this form to the front office if you require the hire of an instrument.

Name of Student __________________________________________________

Instrument required _____________________________________________

- South Oakleigh Secondary College does not hold insurance for the instrument whilst in transit to and from the school.
- Lost or stolen instruments must be reported to SOSC immediately and Parents will incur replacement costs.
- All damage and faults are to be reported to the music staff. No repairs or adjustments are to be made without the consent of music staff. **(Do not try to fix them yourself)**
- The instrument is only to be used by the student. No one else should use the instrument.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION**

I, ___________________________, parent/guardian of the above-named student, do hereby agree to rent the above nominated instrument. I understand that I will be responsible for the safety and condition of the instrument. I will ensure that my son or daughter cares for the instrument according to instructions provided by the Music Department.

Parent/Guardian Signature_________________________ Date:__________

Parent/Guardian email:____________________________

Office use only: Instrument hired: _________________________ Serial Number: __________________