St Joseph’s Primary, Nambour.

Instrumental Program
School Bands

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has expressed an interest in being part of a St Joseph’s School Band for this year. There are two school bands at St Joseph’s, which are chosen depending upon the instruments that the students play. They are The Pops Orchestra, (combining strings, brass, woodwind and percussion) and The St Joseph Rock/Lit Band (electric/acoustic guitars, bass, drum kit and keyboard). As of this year lead vocalists must be able to play an instrument in the band as well as sing.

St Joseph’s School Band is a select group, open only to students between grades 5 & 6 who have been playing their chosen instrument for one semester or more and have shown they can play to a set standard. Once a student has joined The Bands, they have committed themselves to the group for the whole year. There is a very minimal cost involved with the instrumental ensemble program and information on this can be found on the school website.

The St Joseph Band rehearsals this year are as follows- the two bands will rotate between two rehearsal times from week to week. The rehearsal times are 1-2pm and 2-3pm on Fridays. This means that, for example, the Pop Orchestra will rehearse from the start of lunch (1pm) till 2pm the first week, then from 2pm till 3pm the next. The practises begin in Week 3, Term 1.

This year we will have a one day, intensive rehearsal program. This will happen early in Term 2 on a weekend. Please list on the form below whether a Saturday or a Sunday is best for your child.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Lindsay (learn_from_thebest@yahoo.com.au) for more information. I look forward to a great year of music with The Bands this year.

Lindsay Macdonald-Clow

Please fill in the appropriate areas and return to the school office a.s.a.p.

I give permission for ____________________________ (child’s name) to join a St Joseph’s School Band.

Their instrument* is........................................ Class-.......................  

*If there is a lot of one particular instrument an audition will be required.

(Signed) _________________________________

One day intensive rehearsal (Circle preferred day)- Saturday Sunday

Email address-.................................................................

As all communication regarding the instrumental program is going electronic please supply your email address.