String Lessons at St Joseph’s School

St Joseph’s School is pleased to announce that string lessons will be available to any interested students from Year 1-6 by experienced musician Mr Alex Pattri this year. Lessons are offered for violin, viola and ‘cello and are usually taught in pairs with larger ensembles being formed for special occasions.

Lessons are inexpensive ($12.00 per student per lesson) and usually held within school hours. Lasting 30 minutes each, lessons are structured to improve note-reading, posture, intonation and all other aspects of string playing. The emphasis is on traditional technique with improvisatory/contemporary skills encouraged in the advanced stages. Initially, Mr Pattri recommends Strictly Strings method books but is happy to accommodate others as well. Lessons are always enjoyable and students are encouraged to perform in a number of different settings. Examinations are encouraged for the serious student, but not essential.

Often referred to as “Mr Strings”, Alex Pattri possesses a wealth of experience when it comes to string teaching. Having graduated with a Bachelor of Music (Instrumental) from the Qld Conservatorium, Griffith University in 1992 he has taught strings full-time on the Sunshine Coast ever since. He has taught at many private schools (including Matthew Flinders Anglican College for 8 years) and has taught at public schools for 5 years. Throughout his teaching life he has maintained a private teaching studio at home and many of his students have gained recognition at competitions and gone on to study music themselves.

Alex has always been a keen performer. He has participated in musical productions such as Les Miserables, West Side Story & HMS Pinafore and been a member of local and interstate ensembles including the Qld Pops Orchestra. He was a section leader of Suncoast Sinfonia for 7 years and runs his own business – the Offenbach Trio. He also performs in two bush bands and is a freelance violinist/violist in demand. No matter what stage your child is at, he/she is sure to benefit from string lessons at St Joseph’s.

For expressions of interest please hand the completed form to the office or contact Alex directly:

Ph: 07 5446 8365
Email: offenbachstrings@iprimus.com.au

Yes, I’m interested in string lessons at St Joseph’s School! Please give me a call.

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PARENT(S’) FIRST NAME(S) ___________ and _____________

POSTAL ADDRESS ________________________________

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PHONE (H) _______________________

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MOBILE _______________________

EMAIL __________________________________________

STUDENT NAME _______________________

DATE OF BIRTH ____________________

SCHOOL CLASS ____________________

PREFERRED INSTRUMENT Violin Viola

Music Theory ‘Cello Double Bass

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: