20th August 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian

Instrumental Music is considered one of Stretton’s pillars of Excellence. We are currently preparing for our 2015 Instrumental Music student intake.

Traditionally this program commenced in year 5, however the Queensland Government recently announced that students in year 4 are now eligible to be considered for tuition on Woodwind, Brass and Percussion instruments. Therefore in 2015, the Instrumental Music beginner program will consist of students from both Year 4 and 5.

The recruitment process is extensive and consists of all current year 3 and 4 students undertaking a music aptitude test to evaluate their natural musical strengths. Pitch recognition and rhythm are prominent in the survey. These results are combined with student classroom music and academic strengths as well as physical suitability to particular instruments.

Students being considered for the program, will be invited to attend a special information meeting in term 4, where further details will be given. Due to limited places and instrumentation, school hired instruments will be offered to those with the highest results and additional places will be offered to those students musically and physically suitable for the program and are able to purchase their own instrument for 2015 based on the recommendations from the instrumental music teachers.

Stretton State College boasts an impressive instrumental program and offers wonderful, unique opportunities for students to extend themselves musically, academically and creatively.

With the additional funding from the Queensland Government we are looking forward to the prospect of working with many of our year 4 and 5 students in the instrumental music program in 2015.

Yours sincerely

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