

Instrumental music starter kits

Factsheet

What?

- ♪ An opportunity for schools / groups of schools to establish a sustainable instrumental music program without a large initial outlay.
- ♪ Complete sets of musical instruments, music stands, appropriate sheet music and general maintenance of instruments available to schools for a period of up to two years.
- ♪ String orchestras - applications from primary schools or joint applications with secondary schools will be considered.
- ♪ Wind bands - applications focusing on Years 4 to 6 and/or Years 7 to 9 will be considered.
- ♪ Access to professional advice including online learning and other professional learning opportunities.



Why?

- ♪ The benefits conveyed by music education can be grouped in four categories:
 - ♪ success in society
 - ♪ success in school
 - ♪ success in developing intelligence
 - ♪ success in life
- ♪ Participation in an instrumental music program:
 - ♪ enhances teamwork skills and discipline
 - ♪ provides students with a constructive means of self-expression
 - ♪ teaches young people to conquer fear and to take risks
- ♪ An instrumental music program is a fantastic way for a school to promote its successes to the wider community.



How?

- ♪ Applications for inclusion in the Instrumental Starter Kits program will require schools to:
 - ♪ outline its goals for establishing an instrumental music program
 - ♪ present a business plan that considers:
 - an annual fee of \$2,000 for a string orchestra or \$3,500 for a wind band
 - provision of a musical director *
 - provision of instrumental tutoring *
 - ongoing professional learning *
 - the school's plan at the end of two years *
 - ♪ present a plan for the sustainability of the instrumental music program, e.g.
 - collaboration between primary and secondary schools
 - collaboration with a Regional Conservatorium
 - collaboration with community music groups
- ♪ Principals are encouraged to consult with colleagues whose schools have successful instrumental music programs.
- ♪ Applications will be sought in early Term 1 2015 with a view to supplying instruments for Term 2.
- ♪ * For further information and advice please contact Di Hall, Arts Coordination Officer, 02 67555063 or di.c.hall@det.nsw.edu.au