## Instrumental music starter kits

**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.
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