



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Education**
Instrumental Music School Services



BALLAJURA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**Expression of interest in the inclusion in the Instrumental Music School Services program
at Ballajura Community College for 2023**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This information is for students currently not learning an instrument through the Instrumental Music School Services.

Ballajura Community College is included in the Department of Education's instrumental music tuition program. Your child will be entering the year group currently being considered for tuition. This is a selective program and there are limited vacancies. It is important that both you and your child fully understand the commitment before deciding to indicate interest in being considered.

Enclosed is a pamphlet *Learning a Musical Instrument*, provided by the School of Instrumental music. It indicates some of the pleasures and benefits that can flow from participation in instrumental music. Please take the time to the information documents and discuss with your child.

Students are given weekly lessons in small groups by a qualified teacher employed through the Department of Education's Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS). There is no charge for tuition, which can be valued at approximately \$2,000 per annum. In order to make progress and achieve the immense satisfaction that can come from mastery of an instrument, home practice is also essential. When students are ready, or required, they will join an ensemble as a part of their education, further developing their musicianship and social skills. Ensembles rehearse once a week, usually before or after school and incur a small levy to cover the purchase of music, photocopying and performance costs. It is expected that students who are offered a position are prepared to consider commitment until at least the end of Year 10.

Most instruments listed in the College brochure are available for loan through the Department and Ballajura Community College for the first year of tuition at a charge of **\$110**. This amount covers depreciation, routine maintenance and repairs. At the end of the designated loan period, parents will need to either purchase or privately hire a suitable instrument. Electric and bass guitar students are required to supply their own within the first four weeks of tuition. Percussion students will need to supply their own sticks and practice pad to begin with, followed by an acoustic or electric drum kit in their second year of tuition.

For general information about the Department's instrumental scheme and its operation, you can access the Instrumental Music School Services web-site at <http://det.wa.edu.au/imss/detcms/portal/>

If you wish for your child to be considered for selection in the instrumental music program, please complete the expression of interest attached and return it with the Enrolment Application form or post to:

Att. Music Department
Ballajura Community College
Illawarra Crescent South
BALLAJURA WA 6066

If you have any further enquiries you may email Ashley Sinclair at the Performing Arts Department
Phone: 9262 7772
[Email: ashley.sinclair@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:ashley.sinclair@education.wa.edu.au)

The Music Aptitude Test will be held, in the Performing Arts Building at the college on the following dates:

Tuesday 18 October 2022, 3.30pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 2 November 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm

(If you are not available for any of these dates please contact the College)

The College will confirm the testing date and time with parents prior to the event.

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My son/daughter _____ is interested in joining the Ballajura Community College Instrumental Music School Program in 2023 and can attend the Music Aptitude Test on (*please tick one of the following times*)

Tuesday, 18 October 2022, 3.30pm-4.00pm

Wednesday, 2 November 2022, 3.30 pm – 4.00pm

Parent/Guardian name:

Parent/Guardian signature:

Phone contact:

Email contact:

Date:
