

Dear School Band Members and Parents:

The Wollongong Conservatorium of Music will be running a **FREE Beginners Band** in Term 4. This is a perfect opportunity for those of you who are really enjoying learning an instrument to get extra ensemble tutoring and to extend your skills to a higher level.

This band will be taught by Eric Dunan, who leads a number of bands at the Conservatorium along with many of the school bands in the area.

The Beginners Band is especially suited to students who have started learning this year and have got through the first few pages of their band method book. Students who started last year who want to brush up on their basic skills may also like to join this band.

Ideally, students should be in year 4-6 to join this band. Year 3 students who would like to join this band should contact Eric Dunan directly for advice on whether this band is appropriate for them.

The band will rehearse on Tuesdays from 4-5pm beginning on 9 October. There is no cost for joining the Beginners Band, but you will need to register online www.wollcon.com.au or in person at the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music, Gleniffer Brae, Murphy's Avenue, Gwynneville. The office is open Monday to Friday between 9am and 6pm. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Dunan directly ericd@wollcon.com.au or 4228 1122.

If you have already been playing for over a year and a half, you might like to join our **Junior Band** at the Conservatorium. There is a fee associated with this band, but if you would like to come and try out this band please contact Eric and you may come to one or two sessions for free to see if it is something you would like to do.

Please also consider enrolling for individual lessons with one of our outstanding team of 65 teachers. Students who are able to take individual lessons on their specific instrument really excel and reap the most benefit from music. Information on individual lessons is available on the website or by contacting the Conservatorium office.

Finally, we have just opened our scholarship program for 2013. Applications close on October 28 and there are scholarships available for every instrument at every level, from beginner to advanced. There are even special scholarships available for students in our school band program, to assist them with their studies at the Conservatorium. A full list of scholarships can be downloaded from the website, along with an application form.

I really hope that one or more of these exciting options will appeal to you, and that we'll see you enrolled at the Con in the very near future.

Kind Regards



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