Dear Parents and Carers,

Accompanying this letter are the band fees levied to your child for 2012. Below is a breakdown of the Band fees for Junior and Senior Band members for 2012. The band fees levied to members cover such expenses as: tuition fees, purchase of music, repair and replacement of instruments. We are continuously updating instruments as our older models expire. We have the benefit of being able to use tutors who are well skilled and a major proportion of band fees are absorbed by tuition fees alone, so we have established two levels of Band fees.

All band members who use a school instrument are required to pay a flat fee of $160 per term.
All band members who use their own instrument are required to pay a flat fee of $120 per term.

**Term 1 Fees – Junior Band**
There are some additional set-up expenses for Junior Band members and some Senior Band members in Term 1. These set-up items vary according to which instrument section each member belongs and become theirs to keep. A new addition to set up costs is a folding music stand. This will be ideal for home practice, as well as when the band performs at events outside of the school. You will note you have not been invoiced for the music stand. If you wish to have one, your child will need to advise Mr Skues at the next rehearsal. If you already have a folding music stand, you may choose not to purchase the one offered. Set-up costs are outlined below:

**Junior Flute Players:** Additional $50 includes:
- Accent on Achievement Book 1
- Flute cleaning rod
- Optional folding music stand ($25)

**Junior Clarinet Players:** Additional $75 includes:
- Accent on Achievement Book 1
- Clarinet pull-through (for cleaning)
- 10 x Size 2 Clarinet reeds
- Optional folding music stand ($25)

**Junior Saxophone Players:** Additional $75 includes:
- Accent on Achievement Book 1
- Saxophone pull-through (for cleaning)
- 10 x Size 2 Alto Saxophone reeds
- Optional folding music stand ($25)

**Junior Horn, Trumpet, Trombone & Baritone Players:** Additional $45 includes:
- Accent on Achievement Book 1
- 1 x Bottle of Valve Oil
- Optional folding music stand ($25)

**Junior Percussion Players:** Additional $120 includes:
- Accent on Achievement Combined Percussion Book 1
- 1 x pair of drum sticks
- Rubber Practice Pad
- 25 note chromatic glockenspiel with beaters
- Optional folding music stand ($25)
Term 1 Fees – Senior Band
There are some additional set-up expenses for some Senior Band members in Term 1. These set-up items vary according to which instrument section each member belongs. A folding music stand is essential for home practice as well as times when the band performs outside of school. If your child does not own their own music stand, you can purchase one for $25. Set up costs are outlined below:

All Senior Band members other than percussion
$16.00 Instrument Book 2

All Senior Band percussion members
$27.00 Instrument Book 2

Senior Clarinet Players: Additional $25 includes:
- 10 x Size 2 Clarinet reeds

Senior Saxophone Players: Additional $35 includes:
- 10 x Size 2 Alto Saxophone reeds

All Senior Band members:
- Optional folding music stand ($25)

Term 2, 3 & 4 Fees – Junior & Senior Band
Terms 2, 3 & 4 attract standard fees of:

- Band members who use a school instrument pay a flat fee of $160 per term.
- Band members who use their own instrument pay a flat fee of $120 per term

Payment of Band fees
Invoices will be issued at the beginning of each term and fees must be paid by the 5th March, 2012 and by the 5th week of each term thereafter. If fees haven’t been paid by the end of each term, those band members will be expected to attend lessons, but not make use of their instruments until their fee payments have been brought up to date. Families may pay the fees for the entire year and this will be noted on our database. If you have any concerns in regard to band fees, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Green.

Mrs Hendrika Green  Mr Kevin Skues
Band Coordinator  Band Conductor

Please Note: The above information is to help you plan for 2012.