



THS BAND PROGRAM 2021



WEEKLY NOTES: Term 3, Week 2 – 18th July

TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Concert Band 3: 3:00 – 4:00pm ONLINE	Stage Band 2: 3:15 – 4:15pm ONLINE Improv class 1: TBA
Concert Band 2: 4:00 – 5:00pm ONLINE	Stage Band 1: 4:15 – 5:45pm ONLINE Improv class 2: TBA
Concert Band 1: 5:00 – 6:30pm ONLINE	

Events Calendar

New events or changes in details in **BOLD and highlighted**

DATE	EVENT
Friday 20 th August <i>To be confirmed</i> and Covid restriction dependant	Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival (ASBOF) – SB1 and SB2 RECORDINGS – at school - TBC - <i>Bring band blacks to change into.</i> <i>To be uploaded by September 3rd</i> Keep 27 th August free as a back-up date...
September 9 -12 th	NSSWE Spring Festival – <i>Chatswood Concourse - all bands will be entered but we will need to wait for confirmation.</i>
Sunday 31st October	Wahroonga Food and Wine Festival – SB2 and SB1

Please use your individual link to **BandForte** to advise of any rehearsal absences or inability to attend a performance.

Email your band manager/s (addresses on last page of these Band Notes), if you have a band-related question or problem that needs solving (e.g. how do I get my large instrument there?....).

Band notes are also available on the school's website in the band section:

<https://turramurra-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/band.html>

Band Times and rehearsals – MOVE TO ONLINE

In spite of lockdown, band rehearsals will continue – we're just moving to an online platform called DISCORD.

Here is the link for the THS Band Discord Server

<https://discord.gg/8vvfa4j>



If you don't already have a Discord account, you will need to set one up. You can do that with the link above.

Note: this is the same link as we used in term 3 last year so if you have moved bands, you will need to move bands on Discord too. Remember to set your username by using the nickname format First name, Surname initial, instrument (eg Jeff B Trumpet)

*If you haven't already signed up for Discord, click on the discord link and set up an account, setting username as First name, Surname initial, instrument (eg Jeff B Trumpet)

Then select the appropriate Stage Band or Concert Band.

When you join the discord server, before you do anything you will have to go to the first chatroom on the left-hand side of your screen at the top

left named  band-selection  . In this channel, there are instructions on how to self-allocate your role in relation to your relevant band that you or your child is in. Please take the time to read the whole

message in  band-selection  as it explains everything you will need to know and how to fix any issues if they arise.

Should you have any queries, email bsgconvenor@ths.community and Jane will ask her IT support/Josh, to render assistance.

Band times for CB3 have shifted slightly for Tuesdays while we are doing online rehearsals. As you don't need to set up, your start time is 3pm. (This will revert to 2:30pm as soon as we are back to face-to-face rehearsals.)

Other band times are as normal.

During rehearsal time, once everyone from the relevant band has logged in, Jeff will have a chat and talk you through some warm-up exercises. You'll be able to chat and play individually but won't be able to play together as a band due to the lag. We will be able hear each other and, if you have a camera to turn on, see each other. Please set up your instrument and music at home, near your computer so you can join in.

Note: lots of you advised me that you needed practice copy music – well done. HUGE thankyou to Jane B and Wendy for scanning and sending it out. As you can imagine, for 5 bands, it is a massive job.

Address change

Please note the email address change for the Band Convenors. It is now bsgconvenor@ths.community Both the old and new addresses will be monitored in the short term.

A stalwart is retiring



It is with great sadness we announce that Elizabeth Willis will be retiring at the AGM in November. Elizabeth has been a member of the committee for many years and her input has been invaluable. She will be greatly missed. This means that we will be looking for someone to take on the role of librarian and looking after instrument hire. If you have any

questions about either of these roles, could you please contact us at bsgconvenor@ths.community

ASBOF

With the cancellation of the live ASBOF event, we will either send in an online recording, or we will record a video that everyone can keep so all your hard work will not have been in vain.

At the moment, we are still planning for the ASBOF stage band recordings to go ahead. The tentative date for recording is Friday August 20, with students changing into their band blacks (*long sleeve black shirt, long black pants (no jeans or leggings), black socks, clean black shoes*) for the "performance."

The recordings would be uploaded by September 3rd.