Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Education Queensland provides a program of instrumental tuition in primary and secondary schools throughout the state. Albany Creek S.S. is fortunate to be part of this program.

Learning an instrument has many benefits for your child, including:
- making your child more intelligent;
- improving behaviour,
- becoming more cooperative and improving social skills;
- improving your child’s reasoning ability;
- providing many years of fun;
- providing constructive leisure activities;
- giving a sense of belonging (to an ensemble);
- working as part of a team;
- building self-discipline, commitment and self-esteem;
- possibly a career in music.

Education Queensland provides qualified instructors to give your child this wonderful opportunity to receive FREE instrumental music lessons. (Private music lessons would cost approximately $35 per half hour.) Our school has a selection of musical instruments that are available for use by eligible students. We are currently in the process of selecting students for the 2013 Instrumental Program.

Selection into the program is based on:
- Participation in music lessons;
- Musical aptitude test;
- Information from your child’s teacher;
- Physical suitability for a particular instrument;
- Behaviour and work habits;
- Commitment to daily practice and to regular attendance at lessons;
- Parental support.

Tuition is provided to students in the program for the following instruments:

**Current Year 2 & 3 students:**
- **strings only** - violin, viola, cello

**Current Year 4, 5 & 6 students:**
- **strings** - violin, viola, cello, double bass
- **brass** - trumpet, trombone, french horn, mellophone, baritone, euphonium, tuba

- **woodwind** - flute, clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax
- **percussion** - tuned (glockenspiel) and un-tuned (drums, etc.)

Although lessons are free of charge, there will be other costs involved in the Instrumental Music Program fees, tuition books, accessories, music camps, performance uniform, etc. The smaller instruments are loaned for one year. After this time you will need to purchase an instrument if your child wishes to continue in the program. If no instrument is available you will need to buy or rent one for your child to join the program.

After the selection process is complete, invitations to learn an instrument will be issued. An information evening will be held this term to explain, in detail, the requirements of the program. Your attendance is essential if you wish your child to participate in the 2013 IMP.

Learning an instrument is a wonderful opportunity that can, and often does, lead to a lifetime of enjoyment. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further. Please sign the form below and return it to the school office by Wed 31 October 2011.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Beck
(IMP Coordinator)

Mr. Duncan Robertson
(Deputy Principal)

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**Expression of Interest Form**

Student’s Name: ___________________________ Class: _______________

☐ I am interested in my child learning an instrument. I look forward to hearing more about final offers of available school instruments and program expectations.

☐ If I have a choice, I would prefer my child to learn one of the following instruments:

1. _______________________________________

2. _______________________________________

3. _______________________________________

Parent/Caregiver’s Name: ________________________________

Parent/Caregiver’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________