Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Your child as been fortunate enough to have been part of the school’s Instrumental Music Program during this year. It is now time for you and your child to consider the future. We would like to see all the students continue learning and participating in the IMP for the remainder of their Primary and, hopefully, their Secondary education. In order for the IMP to continue to develop, and for other students to have an opportunity to learn an instrument, there is a priority instrumental loan list for each school year.

- Violins, Violas, Cellos, Flutes, Clarinets, Trumpets, Trombones and Alto Saxophones are only available for loan from the school for one school year.
- Double Basses, Tenor Saxophones, Bass Clarinets, Baritones, Euphoniums, Tubas are available for the duration of the time that your child attends primary school, and usually secondary school as well.
- Percussion students are able to use some equipment at school but need to purchase some extra equipment for home use. (See list of requirements in the IMP Policy Handbook to be given out at the Parent Information Evening.)

Now is the time to start planning to purchase an instrument for next year (if your child doesn’t already have his/her own instrument) as the school instruments will be collected at the end of November to be serviced for next year’s beginner students. (See suggested options on the back of this leaflet.)

If your child is continuing in the program, please sign the form below and return it to the school office by Friday November 2. If this note has not been returned by this date, it will be assumed that your child is NOT continuing in the Program.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Beck (IMP Coordinator)  
Mr. Duncan Robertson (Deputy Principal)

Please return this form to the school office by Friday 2 November.

So that we can plan next year’s IMP, we need to know which students will be continuing, and whether they will be using a school instrument or their own instrument.

Student’s Name ____________________________ Class ______
Instrument __________________ Instrumental Teacher __________

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Suggested options for acquiring an instrument.

1. **Purchase a brand new instrument.**
   This is an option if you have the money put away already or if you can save it soon. Please talk to Music Stores and your child’s instrumental teacher.

2. **Purchase a second hand instrument.**
   Before buying a second hand instrument, it is strongly recommended that you have it checked by your child’s instrumental teacher or a respected repairer, so that you can reassure yourself that you are getting value for money.

3. **Rent an instrument.**
   This is a great option if you can’t afford to outlay a large sum initially. Talk to different stores about their rental plans. The rental amount usually comes off the purchase price should you decide to buy the instrument.

4. **Pay-by plan.**
   Most stores have a lay-by plan that allows you to make an initial payment, so that you can have the instrument immediately, then the remainder is divided evenly over several months.

Education Queensland does not endorse any particular store. Listed below are some useful music store names and phone numbers for purchase and advice on instruments, or please contact your local music store of choice for further information:

- Ellaways (Kedron) Phone 3359 8266
- Play Today Music (Brendale) Phone 3889 9400
- Morris Brothers (Stafford) Phone 3356 3299
- Manrick’s Music (St. Brisbane) Phone 3255 0222