Dear Parents

At Scots we believe that music has a place in every boy's life and participation in quality music activities are life changing. What a wonderful year we have had together in the Year 4 Band Program this year. It has been fantastic to see the boys develop a true sense of well being, connection, camaraderie and confidence while learning their Band Program instrument. The tutors and Music staff have taken great pleasure in supporting and encouraging all the boys to strive for excellence within the classroom, as soloists and as members of their ensembles.

The standard of performance at our Annual Concert last week was truly outstanding and a testament to the joy and fun had by the boys when collaborating together in their music making. It was particularly uplifting to have such support from our audience and I thank you for acknowledging the dedication and effort from our Year 4 cohort.

Peripatetic Instrumental Lessons
Many families and boys will now be considering continuing their instrumental studies next year. Private peripatetic lessons are available with our expert tutors on all of the instruments offered in this year’s Program. I encourage you to consider enrolling your son in lessons as he enters the Senior Preparatory School next year.

The boys can look forward to many varied collaborative music making possibilities in the Senior Preparatory School and beyond. These include, but are not limited to: Senior Preparatory School Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Big Band and Chamber Ensembles. These group all play at competitions and festivals, Showcase concerts and boys involved will have the chance to participate in our Annual Preparatory School Music Tour. Performances by our ensembles occur throughout the year at formal and special events both within the College and the wider community.

Your son has received a hard copy of this note and the Instrumental Lessons Form for your convenience. You can also find copies of the form and Department information on upcoming performances, music news and our calendar at our music website, music.tsc.nsw.edu.au

Instrument Hire / Purchase
We recommend Turramurra Music or Sax & Woodwind, Camperdown as suppliers who give good advice on purchasing an instrument and who offer hire purchase plans as well as reputable instrument makes. Recommended instrument brands include: Bach (Selmer), Yamaha, King, Jupiter, and Conn. Please purchase reputable brands. In regards to musical instruments you usually get what you pay for and some internet purchases can leave all parties rather upset and disappointed. Please don’t hesitate to contact the Music Department for further advice.
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It has been pleasure watching our Year 4 boys grow as musicians over the past year and we look forward to their future involvement in the Music Department as instrumentalists, vocalists and as participants in co-curricular music ensembles.

Kind regards,
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Coordinator of Music – Preparatory School