

Band Term 2 update 2024

As of 7th June 2024, there are 165 students enrolled in the Band Program

Training Band - 57

Intermediate Band - 32

Concert Band - 35

Performance Band - 40

All bands attended the Northern Beaches Symphonic Wind Ensemble concerts at the end of May and were very well received there, with the Performance Band being praised and compared to High School bands.

By the time the General meeting takes place, Band Camp will have occurred and we have 106 students staying overnight at The Academy of Sport in Narrabeen and another 57 students attending for the day. With an intense music rehearsal program which is just not possible in the usual time at school, children are able to prepare for the upcoming concerts whilst also having an opportunity to take part in some fun activities and bond outside the usual school day hours.

There have been a number of difficulties getting this off this ground this year. Two-day camps in the week are not really something Sydney Academy of Sport like to do any longer so there were a number of negotiations to ensure this could happen. There have been issues with a greater increase in numbers of children who require medications which results in difficulties for teaching staff during excursions, in particular medications required out of normal school hours. Permission slips being returned by parents often had to be chased and a further medical form was required by school from the Department of Education which was a last-minute addition to the formalities. We thank Jenni Milburn in particular for her help with this. These issues will be discussed at the Band Committee meeting next term to explore how things can be made easier moving forward.

Other upcoming dates for the bands include: -

Sunday 8th September – **All bands at UNSW for Australian Schools Band Festival**

Wednesday 11th September – The annual Performance Bands excursion to Sister Act the musical

Term 3 Band Committee meeting - Wednesday 31st July