

Cultural (Instrumental Music) Application

Application Information and Student Summary Years 8-11 2027



BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Brisbane State High School (BSHS) has a strong tradition of excellence in the Performing Arts, in particular Instrumental Music. Students who join the Instrumental Music Program must play a concert band or orchestral instrument and are offered the opportunity to experience a variety of musical styles across a range of performance events.

The Enrolment Management Plan ([EMP](#)) for BSHS allows for selective entry in a number of categories. Specific details about the categories, selection processes and timelines for applications can be found on the school website www.statehigh.com.au.

Students who enrol under the Cultural (Instrumental Music) Selective Entry Category are required to join the instrumental classes. This includes group lessons which are held in school time (Brass, Woodwind, Strings, Percussion) from Year 7 through to Year 10 and in ensembles through to Year 12.

Please note, Instrumental Music does not include piano, guitar or harp.

Entry to the school through the Cultural (Instrumental Music) Selective Entry category for Years 8 to 11 is very limited and always heavily oversubscribed. **All places for Selective Entry in Years 8 to 11 are offered based on availability and the enrolment capacity of the school.**

From year to year the need for specific instruments for inclusion in the school program may vary, depending on existing music enrolments and the balance of instruments within ensembles. The school, therefore, has absolute discretionary power to determine in which musical activities, and to which students in a particular activity, it has the capacity to offer assistance and support. Priority will be given to musicians playing an instrument where there is an identified need within the BSHS Instrumental Music Program.

Achievement Level

Cultural (Instrumental Music) Selective Entry applicants must be of an exceptional standard.

Year 8 minimum requirements:

- Double bass, oboe, bassoon, French horn, tuba - AMEB Grade 5
- Viola, cello, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium - AMEB Grade 7
- Flute, violin, percussion - AMEB Grade 8

Year 9 minimum requirements:

- Double bass, oboe, bassoon, French horn, tuba - AMEB Grade 6
- Viola, cello, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium - AMEB Grade 8
- Flute, violin, percussion - AMEB Grade 8

Year 10 and 11 minimum requirements:

- Double bass, oboe, bassoon, French horn, tuba - AMEB Grade 7
- Viola, cello, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium - AMEB Grade 8
- Flute, violin, percussion - AMEB Grade 8

In cases where a student has not completed AMEB examinations, the student must submit a reference from a registered and practicing Education Queensland instrumental music teacher and/or registered and practicing private tutor, stipulating that the student is playing at the required level.

Application Dates

The **closing date** for Instrumental Music applications for Years 8 to 11 2027 is **Monday, 24 August 2026**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Auditions

Cultural (Instrumental Music) applications may involve an audition. Parents will be advised by email of audition details.

Requirements

Applicants should demonstrate outstanding technical and musical abilities and a commitment to future improvement on their instrument. Students should also demonstrate a commitment to ensemble performance and be prepared to prioritise school instrumental music ensembles as their primary school-based extra-curricular activity. Students **must have** demonstrated ability in instrumental music at the required minimum standards, school reports that reflect an ability to cope with the academic demands of the BSHS curriculum and above average behaviour reports.

Note

Brisbane State High School does not offer music scholarships. All students who are enrolled into the school under Cultural Selective Entry – Instrumental Music are required to pay all normal school fees and other charges associated with participation in extra-curricular activities.

Please complete all sections of the Student Summary Form on the following pages.

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DATE OF SUBMISSION: ____ / ____ / ____

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DETAILS

Student Name: _____

Student's Date of Birth: _____ Current Year Level: _____

Year Level Applying For: _____

Current School of Enrolment: _____

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____ Mobile: _____

Instrument/s: _____

Current AMEB Level (or equivalent): _____

AMEB Exams Passed (or equivalent): _____

Documents Required

Complete and submit the [Selective Entry Online Application Form](#), attaching all required documents.

Complete this Cultural (Instrumental Music) Student Summary and Audition Registration Form.

Provide evidence (current or updated) that your child meets the minimum required standard for their instrument/s (either AMEB certificate or reference from a music teacher).

Please complete all sections of this form. Please ensure all text entered on the form fits within the designated boxes. If there is insufficient space, please attach an additional page.

My Achievements

| My Music Achievements | | |
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| My solo achievements | Bands I play in | Competitions entered/results |
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Other instrument/s I play: (include level and years studied- this may include voice)

My academic achievements

Most recent results on school report

| Subject | Result | Effort | Behavior |
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Attendance (Please advise number of days absent on most recent report):

Academic awards (if any)

Other skills/capabilities (sporting or leadership contributions to others; volunteering at school or in community)

Why do you want to be a Brisbane State High School student? (200 words max)

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| <p>Are you currently on a scholarship at another school?</p> <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> |
| <p>Do you have a sibling at BSHS?</p> <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> <p>If YES, please indicate their name and current year level:</p> |

Parent/Guardian Consent

I give my consent for my child _____ to be involved in the BSHS Music Audition, if required.

I understand that the selections made at the audition are at the discretion of the BSHS Instrumental Music Staff (in consultation with the Head of Department and the Executive Principal).

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Submitting Your Application

Enrolment applications for Selective Entry are required to be submitted electronically via the [Selective Entry Online Application Form](#). Please upload this completed Student Summary and Music Audition Registration Form via the online application process in the section titled *Documents 4. Additional Supporting Documentation*. Please also upload current AMEB evidence or equivalent information to this section.

If you need to provide additional documents after submitting your application, please forward to the Enrolments office via email to bshsenrolments@brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au.

The closing date for applications is **Monday, 24 August 2026**.

Please contact the Enrolments Office if you have any queries:

- **Email:** bshsenrolments@brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au
- **Phone:** +61 7 3291 4111

Enrolment Management Plan

In accordance with the Brisbane State High School Enrolment Management Plan ([EMP](#)), the Executive Principal's decision is final. As per the EMP, there is no internal review of this decision. **Feedback will not be given on unsuccessful applications.**

As outlined on the school website, a non-refundable and non-transferable processing fee applies for all Selective Entry applications. This fee is not refundable if your application is unsuccessful.