

Information Sheet

Instrumental Music Teacher

The Department of Education's Instrumental Music Program was established by the Department of Education in Queensland state schools in 1971. It is internationally recognised as a leader in the field of instrumental music education. The program and its dedicated teaching staff are highly valued by the Department of Education and enjoy enormous support from the wider community.

The [Instrumental Music Program policy](#) describes the program and includes links to the [Instrumental Music Curriculum](#) which is implemented by instrumental music teachers. Students learn band and orchestral instruments (woodwind, brass, percussion and strings). Teachers work across clusters of schools, directing ensembles and teaching mixed instrument groups.

Applicants for Instrumental Music teaching positions are required to undertake a proficiency assessment to assess their eligibility for employment as an Instrumental Music teacher. These specialist assessment panels comprise of panellists with specific expertise in instrumental music.

Instrumental Music Assessment Interview

Applicants will address in their interview the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers in the context of teaching instrumental music. Teachers will demonstrate knowledge of the Instrumental Music Curriculum and its implementation in schools.

The interview will include:

1. Presentation by the applicant regarding their capacity as an Instrumental Music Teacher in the Department of Education's Instrumental Music Program, demonstrating knowledge of;
 - the instruments required,
 - conducting expertise,
 - the Instrumental Music Curriculum, and
 - delivery and management of the instrumental program in schools
2. Questions asked by the interview panel. These will be specific to the individual applicant and will seek to provide applicants with an opportunity to clarify and discuss the documentary evidence provided in the presentation, as well as clarification about the applicant's knowledge of the Department of Education's Instrumental Music Program and its Curriculum. Applicants may also be asked to draw upon their experiences to give examples of their teaching.

