Eastwood Public School 2015 String Ensembles

Junior Strings – rehearsals on Thursdays 3.15 to 4.15pm
Senior Strings – rehearsals on Wednesdays 7.45am to 9am

Yearly Ensemble Fee: $280

In 2015, two string groups will be available – Junior Strings and Senior Strings. Students of violin and cello who are having regular lessons with a professional teacher are welcome to audition.

The aims for the ensembles are:

- To develop ensemble skills
- To develop a general interest in music
- To perform for an audience
- To learn the etiquette of playing in an ensemble during rehearsal and performance
- Participate in eisteddfods and music festivals around Sydney

The ensembles are not group lessons.

**Junior Strings** will focus on the basic ensembles skills: listening, maintaining constant pulse/rhythm; intonation, detaché and legato playing. In 2014, the ensemble performed at the Ryde Eisteddfod, school concerts and assemblies, Spring Fair and at the Eastwood KU Pre-school.

**Senior Strings** will build on the skills developed in Junior Strings and focus on skills that are required to play repertoire with more complex rhythm, bowings and keys. In 2014, the ensemble performed at the school concerts and assemblies, Southern Cross Retirement Village, Sydney Eisteddfod, Sydney Opera House and Sydney Town Hall.

Students in each ensemble will be placed in different parts on a rotational basis- violin I, violin II, violin III, cello (and occasionally cello II)- according to their strength, ability and the demands of the ensemble.

Music camp will be held in term 1 and all students are encouraged to participate. There will be not only rehearsals and tutorials but also fun musical games and outdoor activities. A concert to showcase the students' achievements will conclude the camp.

For both ensembles, students are expected to:

- Attend and be punctual to all rehearsals and performances
- Bring their music to all rehearsals and performances
- Practise their music at home
- Participate and behave sensibly at each rehearsal