**HEAD OF BRASS AND PERCUSSION**

Brisbane Boys’ College is seeking an enthusiastic, suitably experienced individual for the permanent, full-time role of Head of Brass and Percussion.

**About us:**

Brisbane Boys' College is an established GPS day and boarding school. The school was founded in 1902 by Mr Arthur Rudd, who had a vision of moulding boys to be worthy leaders and good citizens – a vision which remains today. The College occupies a 13-hectare site four kilometers from the centre of Brisbane and has a current enrolment of 1,560 boys from Prep to Year 12, across three sub-schools: Junior School (Prep to Year 6), Middle School (Years 7 to 9) and Senior School (Years 10 to 12).

**Our Guiding Philosophy:**

The future isn’t what it used to be. Recognising that knowledge-based learning is no longer enough, Brisbane Boys’ College focuses on teaching children how to think. Not only to solve problems, but to recognize them in the first place. To question the status quo and solve problems to make the world a better place. Not just when they leave school but now at BBC. We call this ‘A New School of Thought’.

As experts in boys’ education, we view learning alongside childhood development with our approach contextualised by our guiding philosophy - ‘All About the Boy’.

**Our Purpose:**

To produce men who have the confidence and capability to change the world.

**Reporting Relationship:**

This position will have a direct line of responsibility to the Head of Performance Music and thereafter the Head of Co-curriculum and Headmaster of Brisbane Boys’ College.

**General Responsibilities:**

Brisbane Boys’ College has a proud tradition of Music and Music Excellence. The Brass and Percussion programs are an integral part of the success of the College’s Music Program. Based on the pursuit of further excellence and a New School of Thought, the Head of Brass and Percussion position at BBC oversees the continued high standard of pedagogical delivery and ensures a consistently high standard in performance. This position is one of teaching and ensemble conducting as directed by the Head of Performance Music.

**Specific Responsibilities:**

**Teaching**

* Exhibit experience and discernment in teaching and assessing upper and lower Brass instruments, with a knowledge of contemporary teaching and pedagogy.
* Demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of Percussion instruments.
* Proficient and experienced in teaching Brass and Percussion instruments in a classroom scenario, small groups and Band class.
* Able to prepare students to a high level to engage in examinations provided by organisations like the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) and Trinity College London.
* Provide opportunities for recruitment of new students and maintain the interests and learning of current students.
* Promote Brass and Percussion instruments within all schools (Junior, Middle and Senior).
* Coordinate and facilitate the running and teaching of staff and curriculum required for the successful delivery of the Junior School Classroom Instrumental Band Program.

**Coordinating**

* Assist the Head of Performance Music in coordinating the Music program requirements of Brisbane Boys’ College including Band, Ensembles and Student recitals.
* Teach, assess and report on Brass and Percussion students at Brisbane Boys’ College.
* Assist the Head of Performance Music in the purchase, repair and maintaining of all Brass and Percussion instruments at Brisbane Boys’ College.
* Assist in the organisation of Instrumental and Vocal Competitions specific to Band Instruments.
* Assist in organising and attending all concerts, assemblies and events involving Brass and Percussion students, (Junior/Middle and Senior Schools).
* Coordinate and manage casual staff for both the Junior School Classroom Instrumental program, ensemble program and general teaching.

**Administration**

* Allocate and oversee the tuition, timetabling and attendance of Brass and Percussion students enrolled in the private lesson program.
* Assist in the preparation and proof-reading of reports as outlined by Brisbane Boys’ College.
* Monitor student attendance at ensemble rehearsals and performances.
* Maintain and catalogue music used for the Band program.

**Ensemble Conducting/Directing**

* Demonstrate experience and knowledge in conducting/directing the following ensembles: Concert Bands, Stage Bands, Brass Band and Brass Chamber Ensembles.
* Demonstrate the ability to deliver a rehearsal that is sequential, well managed and organised that addresses appropriate learning and behavioural management.
* Have a knowledge of repertoire suitable and appropriate for the standard of individual ensembles that allows for enthusiastic teaching and learning.
* Create an environment and culture within the ensemble that allows for effective and enthusiastic learning and performing that extends individual students and the group as a whole.

**Other Duties**

* Work collaboratively with the Head of Woodwind to deliver a Band Program that provides the best learning experience available to the students of Brisbane Boys’ College.
* Organise and attend concerts/events/assemblies/meetings as organised by the Music Department.
* Organise performances both on and off the campus that allow for the musical development and growth of students either as individuals or within an ensemble.
* Assist in the set-up and striking of performance venues as required by the performing ensemble.
* Work collaboratively with other staff members (full-time and casual) assisting in organising various events like combined school events, on and off campus concerts.
* Be involved in the Pastoral Care program at Brisbane Boys’ College as a tutor and mentor.

**Selection Criteria:**

1. Tertiary Music Qualification.
2. Registration with Queensland College of Teachers.
3. Demonstrated ability to effectively perform the general and specific responsibilities of the role as outline above.

**Closing Date:**

Applications close **5:00pm Wednesday 22 November 2017**.

**Application Procedure:**

Applications, including Curriculum Vitae, a statement addressing the selection criteria, and the names and contact details of at least two recent referees, should be emailed to:

Mr Graeme McDonald

Headmaster

Brisbane Boys’ College

**Email kferguson@bbc.qld.edu.au**