

DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION (DSA) – MILITARY BAND

FOR ADMISSION TO SECONDARY ONE IN 2011

History and Achievements Of St. Patrick's School Military Band

The St. Patrick's School Military Band was founded in 1953 and started as a bugle & file band. With its 57 years of history and the consistent records of the local and international achievements, the Ministry of Education has approved St. Patrick's School's application for niche development in the area of Military Band. St. Patrick's School is able to offer 5% of the Secondary One student places on a discretionary basis to build our approved niche programme in band from 2007.

The band's achievements started from being the first school band from Asia to participate in St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York in 1982. Till today, they have continued to see the success through achieving 10 consecutive Gold awards at the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Central Judging of Concert Band since 1990. In 2007, the band was selected to perform at the prestigious SYF Concert Band Presentation Night. The band has also achieved their 3rd consecutive SYF Gold with Honour award in 2009. Not only has the band achieved distinctions locally, it has also achieved gold awards overseas at music festivals such as the Western Australian Band Association Competition in 1991 and the Pacific Basin Music Festival which was held in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1993, 2000 and 2006.

The band was commended under "The Achievements of Excellence" in the Ministry Information and The Arts publication of Singapore in 1991 and has performed for the President and Prime Minister of Singapore at various state functions at the Istana Open House. The band has also performed in various concert halls such as Esplanade Concert Hall, Victoria Concert Hall and Singapore Conference Hall.

Touring many parts of the world, the band has been to many countries to perform for various international music festivals and competitions.

Countries of Band Tours	Years
The United States Of America	1982
Auckland, New Zealand	1999
Honolulu, Hawaii	1993, 2000, 2006 – Pacific Basin Music Festival
Perth, Australia	1989, 1991 – Western Australian Band Association Festival, 1995, 2002, 2008
Brisbane, Australia	2004 – Southern Cross International Music Festival
Sydney, Australia	2010 – Australian International Music Festival
Sarawak, Malaysia	1992
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	2007, 2009

Admission Criteria

Male students from non-affiliated primary schools completing their PSLE examinations in academic year 2010, who meet the following criteria are invited to apply for Direct School Admission:

1. Projected PSLE score of 220 or better
2. Is a current member of the school band / has experience in primary school's band / has the relevant instrumental skills or music qualifications eg. ABRSM or Trinity College of music
3. Must remain in the niche area as a member of St Patrick's School Military Band as a core CCA throughout his entire secondary school education
4. Attend and pass an audition and school panel interview (at a date to be notified later)

Selection Criteria

Audition & Panel Interview

1. Applicants are required to play a piece of their choice on their instrument and will be given a piece to sight-read.
2. Applicants are to bring their own instruments for the audition.
3. Only percussion instruments and piano will be provided for audition.

Application Process

1. The application form can be downloaded.
2. Please follow the instructions in the application form carefully.
3. All application forms are to be accompanied by certified true photocopies of supporting documents.
4. All applications must be submitted by **13 August 2010**.
5. Application can be done by hand during office hours (Mon-Fri, 8am to 5pm) to the School's General Office or it can be mailed to the following address:

Re: Direct School Admission (Military Band)

**Attn: Ms Chen Li Yan
St. Patrick's School
490 East Coast Road
Singapore 429058**

- Only short-listed applicants that meet our selection criteria will be informed to attend the selection test. Applicants who are not short-listed will also be informed that they are unsuccessful in their application.

For any enquiries, please direct your emails to chen_li_yan@moe.edu.sg or contact the Band Teacher-In-Charge, Ms Chen Li Yan at 6344 0929.