



2 April 2019

Dear IGS Parents and Caregivers

Who let the dogs out?

Join our 'pawsome' Ensemble Concert fundraiser for Assistance Dogs Australia
Wednesday 29 May, 6pm, Hall

We hope you can join us at our first concert of 2019 and support the incredibly amazing and innovative work of [Assistance Dogs Australia](#).

The following ensembles will be performing animal themed music:

Senior Orchestra	Kelly Street Band
Wind Orchestra	Bay Street Band
Symphonic Winds	Year 4 Training Band
Year 4 Beginner and Continuer Strings	

We aim to raise a significant sum of money to donate to this organisation through a school-wide mufti day on the above date. At the evening concert, funds will be raised by donations on entry from all audience members, a raffle, a doggie fashion parade, a best tricks competition, a doggie photo booth and the sale of suitably themed foods such as Hot Dogs and KitKats.

Assistance Dogs Australia will provide a demonstration of their work at High School Assembly on the day of the concert and will also be present at the evening concert. Please note that IGS families' dogs are only invited to the evening concert.

There will be limited seating at the *Who let the dogs out?* concert. Please bring a cushion if you wish to sit on the floor.

[Apply for your pet dog to participate](#) by 6 May, completing the questionnaire. If you then deem your dog to be a safe and suitable audience member, please proceed to the Conditions of Participation section and submit your application.

The IGS Dog Committee will review all applications and the outcome of their decisions will be emailed to you on 10 May. Successful applicants will be asked to donate a minimum of \$40 to participate. Please understand that any dogs who are not pre-selected will not be allowed to enter the School, either due to safety concerns or over subscription.

Please note that there could be up to a maximum of 15 dogs situated in their individually allocated places around the Hall during the concert. Dogs will remain in these spots, only moving to compete on the "catwalk" in the fashion parade or best tricks competition. Dogs are to be kept on a leash or harness by their adult owner at all times to mitigate the risk of injury. Students will not be allowed to restrain dogs at any time. Students and family members with allergies or a dog phobia must take this into consideration and take necessary precautions.

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Students and family members are encouraged to wear doggie costumes and accessories to the concert (excluding any collars and leashes which could induce choking or injury).

The Doggie Fashion Parade is open to real dogs, humans dressed as dogs and to toy dogs. Both the Doggie Fashion Parade and the Best Tricks Competition are open to real dogs and humans of all ages, but to take part, humans need to sign up at the Music Office or by emailing alisonh@igssyd.nsw.edu.au by 5pm on 28 May. For humans, the entry fee for this competition is a \$5 minimum donation.

Have a professional photo taken with your family and dog, or have a photo taken of you and your friends in your doggie costumes. For a \$5 minimum donation, your photo can be downloaded digitally.

Raffle tickets will be on sale before and throughout the concert, available at the door and from roving dogsbodies. Purchase one ticket for \$2 or 10 tickets for \$10 for a chance to win great prizes.

I would appreciate hearing from any parents at alisonh@igssyd.nsw.edu.au who are able to assist with any of the following:

- Managing the Doggie Fashion Parade
- Managing the Best Tricks Competition
- Cooking and selling Hot Dogs and KitKats
- Supervising audience entry at the school gates and into the Hall
- Supervising entry of dogs and owners through the Mountain Lane door at 5.30pm and ushering them to their allocated places, and supervision of this door throughout the event
- Collecting donations from all participants
- Assisting students with raffle ticket selling
- Assisting the photographer
- Offering services as the Doctor or Veterinarian on site during the concert.

We look forward to seeing you all at our very special concert.

Yours sincerely

Alison Housley
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