

INSTRUMENT LOAN PROGRAM for STRING SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS



To help talented and aspiring string students achieve their potential, NECOM offers a String Scholarship Instrument Loan program of professional standard instruments. These instruments have been bequeathed or donated to NECOM, or are on permanent loan. Valued at over \$155,000 the collection includes:

- Werner Bath violin (1973)
- Federico de Mori violin (2006)
- Rook Carlisle viola (1898)
- Edward Arthur Smith violin (1940)
- Maggini Cello (1880)
- Mario Scido Cello (2005)
- Hill & Sons cello bow

Application Criteria

The String Scholarship loan will assist students to grow as young musicians and contribute at a high level to the music community of Armidale. NECOM string scholarship students may apply for an instrument if they satisfy the following criteria:

- Are enrolled as an instrumental student of NECOM or of a Music Educator Member of NECOM.
- Currently hold a NECOM scholarship (see Scholarship Application information).
- Have a high level of proficiency on their instrument - minimum of AMEB/Trinity Grade 7 with a high pass.
- Be an active member of the Armidale Youth Orchestra during the duration of the loan.
- Be studying elective music (if applicable) and/or perform in their school ensemble/choir, concerts and events.

Terms and Conditions of the NECOM Scholarship Instrument Loan Program

- An up-front bond of \$500 is payable before taking possession of the instrument. Bursary assistance for the bond is available on application (contact NECOM office for confidential bursary application information).
- The bond will be refunded upon the return of the instrument in the same condition.
- The recipient must be available to perform at NECOM Board and community functions.
- The recipient is fully responsible for the care and safety of the instrument (check list below).
- Insurance will be provided by NECOM as a component of the scholarship loan benefit.
- The cost of insurance excess and repairs to the instrument, bow or case as a result of an accident, forgetfulness or other factors while the instrument is in the care of the recipient will be paid by the recipient.
- The recipient must notify NECOM immediately if the instrument is damaged and it must be returned to the NECOM office for repairs with its preferred repairers.
- Replacement strings/other consumables are to be paid for by the recipient, and organised through NECOM Office.
- Applications will be retained for 2 years and be reviewed when instruments become available.

Responsibility and care of instruments

1. The recipient must take the utmost care and responsibility for the instrument in their custody.
2. The instrument must **not** be left unattended or in places where it can be damaged (eg floor, driveway, hall) and subject to variable hot/cold temperatures eg vehicles, near heaters and vents, air conditioners and in direct sunlight.
3. The instrument must always be stored in the case safely in its correct position.
4. The instrument should not be taken to classrooms or left on open racks around the school. Instruments should be locked inside a student's locker or put into the secure instrument cupboards.