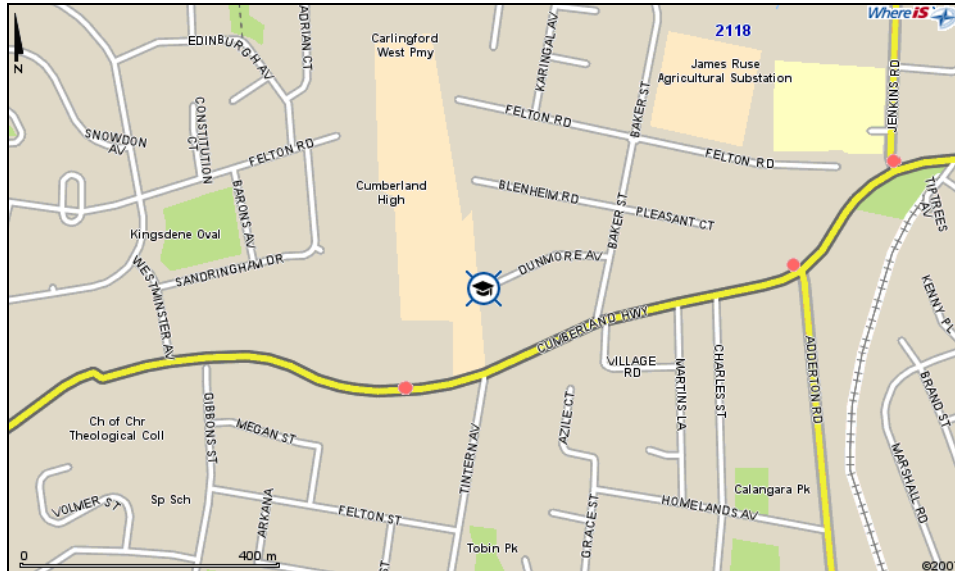




MILLENNIUM MARCHING BAND GENERAL REHEARSAL INFORMATION

- **Venue**
 - Rehearsals are held Cumberland High School, Dunmore Avenue, Carlingford.



- **Metropolitan Travel**
 - Buses that service Cumberland High School depart from Epping and Parramatta (Sydney Buses Route 624).
 - The nearest station is Carlingford Station (approx 12 minute walk).
 - For detailed information on public transport options to get you to and/or from rehearsals, go to www.131500.com and use the trip planning feature.
 - Please note that public transport does not operate as frequently on weekends – you may need to allow more time than usual for travel by public transport.
 - Car pooling is highly recommended. Please contact Lindsay Frost at The Arts Unit on 02 8512 1162 if you would like contact details for other band students in your area that may be able to assist with transport.
- **Meals At Rehearsals**
 - Millennium Marching Band rehearsals operate as closed rehearsals and students are not permitted to leave the grounds of a rehearsal venue until the conclusion of their involvement in rehearsals. It is, therefore, essential that all players bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks with them to all rehearsals. This includes a full water bottle. Families hosting a billet are asked to provide these for their visiting player.
 - Breakfast and lunch (where necessary) will be provided on the first day of rehearsals for country players travelling overnight in order to attend rehearsals. Please contact Lindsay Frost on 0409 929 908 to arrange this. Meals will be unavailable unless they are pre-arranged.
 - Canteen facilities operated by the Band Boosters will be in operation from time to time at rehearsals. Details of when this will be available will be included in the relevant Rehearsal Information posted on the website at www.pau.nsw.edu.au
- **Country Travel**

The Millennium Marching Band hopes to identify one contact person in each region of the state to assist in the co-ordination/organisation of travel for country students. If you would

like to nominate yourself for this role, please contact Lindsay Frost at The Arts Unit on 02 8512 1162.

- For players outside the Sydney Metropolitan area, the arrangement of travel to and from Sydney is their own responsibility.
- Arrangements can be made to have players travelling from country destinations met at their arrival point in Sydney and assisted in their travel to our rehearsal venue. Players requiring such assistance must contact Lindsay Frost on 0409 929 908 to arrange this. It would be of assistance if requests for assistance with travel could be lodged in writing with other rehearsal paperwork. Your request should clearly state your needs and travel details (flight/service number, arrival time, arrival point, service provider etc.). Assistance may not be available to students whose requests arrive after the due date for the lodgement of rehearsal paperwork. Please make sure you have confirmed your arrangements before travelling to Sydney.
- **Accommodation in Sydney**
 - Billets can be arranged for players requiring accommodation in Sydney during rehearsals. Depending on demand, accommodation may be available at our rehearsal facility at minimal cost. Details will be provided in the relevant paperwork.
 - Metropolitan players are requested to make their homes available to visiting country players.
 - Country players with friends (including other band members) and/or family in Sydney may elect to make their own accommodation arrangements. Please ensure, however, that transport is available to get you to and from rehearsals on time.
 - All hosting families are asked to provide their billet with breakfasts and evening meals as required as well as a packed lunch, drinks and snacks on each rehearsal day.
 - All players requiring accommodation should contact Lindsay Frost on 0409 929 908 before the due date for the lodgement of paperwork to request assistance in finding accommodation. Finding an accommodation solution may become an individual responsibility if the request for accommodation is lodged after the due date.
- **Things to bring to rehearsal**
 - Your instrument including all necessary bits and pieces such as reeds, slings, mouthpieces etc.
 - A folding music stand
 - A 2 ring A4 binder approximately 2.5 cm wide spine (music folder)
 - A Pencil, pencil sharpener and eraser
 - A hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and lip balm
 - A water bottle or bottle(s) of water
 - Appropriate clothing. This should include at least one warm jacket/jumper/sweatshirt, a waterproof/windproof jacket, warm pants (tracksuit pants over shorts are good) long trousers/jeans, extra socks (in case of a wet field/weather) and a spare pair of suitable shoes. Singlet tops are not to be worn.
 - Running/tennis shoes must be worn to all rehearsals.
 - Packed lunches drinks, snacks – refer above
 - A small amount of money for phone calls/public transport
 - All necessary medications. Please ensure these are clearly labelled with your name and information concerning dosage.
 - Mobile phones may be brought, but this is at your own risk and should not be used at any time during rehearsals. Mobile phones are for emergencies only.
 - Please ensure all your belongings are clearly labelled with your name
- **Things Not To Bring**
 - Expensive electrical products such as video cameras, walkmans and Discmans etc.
 - Large amounts of money
 - Expensive items of clothing
 - Other unessential items.

- **Arrival at Rehearsal**
 - Rehearsal venues are open to players thirty minutes prior to the published time for the commencement of rehearsals. Supervision of students cannot be provided or guaranteed before this time.
 - All students are required to register their arrival each day of rehearsal by signing the appropriate attendance sheet. Attendance sheets are available for signing thirty minutes prior to the published time for the commencement of rehearsals.
 - Players arriving after the commencement of rehearsals should report to the Band Booster office to sign attendance sheet and record their late arrival in the attendance book.

- **Departure from Rehearsal**
 - Players who must depart before the conclusion of rehearsals must report to the Band Booster office to sign themselves out in the attendance book.
 - Early departures should be notified in writing and approved in advance.
 - Rehearsal times are designed to coincide with public transport schedules. Players travelling by private transport that have not been collected from rehearsal within thirty minutes of the published finishing time will be sent home by taxi at the players expense. There will be no supervision of students once they have left the grounds of the school.

- **Rehearsal Information**
 - All relevant rehearsal information is posted in the marching band section of the Arts Unit website at www.pau.nsw.edu.au. Participating players should check this site regularly for any updates to information already posted.
 - Information posted on the website will clearly state the schedule for the rehearsal period as well as any additional relevant information. There will also be links provided to any necessary paperwork that must be lodged in relation to a given rehearsal or performance. At a minimum, this will include a Consent Form and a Medical Declaration. All players should download, complete and return the necessary forms by the published due date.
 - Players who attend rehearsals without completed paperwork (consent and medical) will be sent home. No responsibility will be taken for students who have not completed their paperwork.

- **Attendance**
 - A strict and clear policy is in place concerning attendance. Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals is mandatory. It is, however, recognised that players may from time to time have conflicting school. With this in mind, it is possible for students to lodge requests for exemptions from all or part of a scheduled rehearsal or performance activity. To do this, you should lodge your request in writing to Lindsay Frost at the Arts Unit. Requests for exemption may be posted (Locked Bag 3003, Summer Hill, 2130), faxed (02 9569 6878) or emailed (Lindsay.Frost@det.nsw.edu.au). Your request for an exemption should be lodged by the due date for paperwork. Do not assume your request will be approved.
 - All students are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of all scheduled rehearsals. Students failing to meet this level of attendance may be asked to discuss their attendance with Band staff.
 - In emergency situations, you may also contact Lindsay on his mobile service – 0409 929 908.