

ALL CHORISTERS

Circular No 1

Wednesday 29 January 2020

A more comprehensive choir notice will be issued on Friday 1 February but in the interim a few important details for you....

Communication

General choir information including weekly circulars will continue to be distributed via email.

IF you misplace your email - remember the website will have everything you need to know - *about where to be, what to wear, when to depart* etc

- www.nationalboyschoir.com.au
- Choir Community
- Performing choir
- Username <your email address>
- Password **csharp2015!**

Forms, such as HECs, Child Employment etc will continue to go home as hard copies to be completed/signed and returned.

- HECs and personal details forms will be available in pigeonholes ready to go home tonight!
- Child Employment forms will go home when all personal details forms have been returned and current schools confirmed.

Term Invoices

Term 1 invoices will be emailed tomorrow, Thursday 30th January - please be on the lookout. Payment within the terms shown would be appreciated.

As a reminder, invoices are emailed at the beginning of each term.

First term invoices will be emailed to all addresses we have in the system for you - please advise an email preference if necessary. Please check junk and spam folders in case your invoice has redirected there.

When making a payment (in person, over the phone or via EFT), remember to quote invoice and account number.

- The account number allocated to you will not change during your time with the Choir e.g. '1072 ACC1050'.

DATES FOR 2020

- **February Monday 3** First years choristers only
- **February Sunday 9** **1.30 – 4.30pm Repertoire workshop and 2020 leaders elections**
- **February Monday 10** Sectional Sop 1 & Alto in 3 parts
- **February Monday 17** Sectional Sop 2 & Alto in 3 parts
- **February Monday 24** Sectional Sop 1 & Sop 2 in 3 parts
- **February Saturday 29** Wardrobe Fitting* (by appointment)
- **March Sunday 1** Wardrobe Fitting* (by appointment)
- **March Monday 2** Sectional Sop in 2-parts
- **March Friday 6** Wardrobe Fitting* (by appointment)
- **March Monday 16** Sectional Alto in 2-parts
- **March Monday 23** Sectional Sop 2 in 3-parts

- **May Saturday 16** Buddah Multicultural Festival
- **May Sunday 17** **Music Workshop 1.30 – 4.30pm**

• July	Saturday 25	NBCA Mid-year Concert – RBH Monash
• August	Saturday 22	Music Workshop 1.30 – 4.30pm
• October	17 - 24	Mahler 8 – Rehearsals & performances
• November	2 – 7	Carmina Burana – Rehearsals & performances
• December	Sunday 20	NBCA Christmas Concert – Hamer Hall

*WARDROBE FITTING DAYS

- Saturday February 29 9.30am-to 12 noon and 1.00pm to 4.00pm
- Sunday March 1 9.30am-to 12 noon and 1.00pm to 4.00pm
- Friday March 6 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Please **check** these dates in your diary - there is a separate note that has gone home today with a tear off slip. Please indicate your preferred fitting day and return this Friday (31/1) or next Friday (7/2) at the latest - preferably, scan and email earlier.

Mrs Maddy Connellan (wardrobe) will create an appointment schedule as per your requests and ALL boys are expected to attend. The schedule will be issued on Friday 15 February.

Please understand if you do not return the slip, Mrs Connellan will automatically allocate a time. It is not an easy task fitting 100 plus boys – please be mindful that these jobs cannot always be done during rehearsal times! 😊

Last year's Performing Choristers are reminded - should your son require a larger size - to have their Taupe & Black trousers, blazer and NBCA tie dry-cleaned and shirts laundered **ready to be returned at their allocated wardrobe fitting time** .

Mrs Connellan is looking for some parent helpers for the fitting days – perhaps in two shifts on the Saturday/Sunday and another group for the Friday – please see separate slip and/or phone 0488 089 552 if you think you might be able to help.

Mrs Connellan is also on the lookout for 1 or 2 parents that would be prepared to launder white performance shirts during the year. If you think you may be able to assist, please make a note on your return slip.

In fact Mrs Connellan is on permanent lookout for a Wardrobe Parent Support Group (refer Friday 31 January, circular # P02) – no sewing skills required (other than perhaps a button. . . ?) There are plenty of tasks other than sewing; fitting, ironing, folding, measuring etc.

First Year Choristers (last year's Junior boys)

- A reminder that you wear your NBCA polo shirt and (if it's cool) rugby/windcheater top to rehearsal with casual pants/shorts & shoes. In future, this combo will be referred to as '*rehearsal gear*'.
- Mug Shots - All first-year boys (last year's Junior boys) please ensure you have your photo taken first thing when you arrive on Friday. ☺
- There is a short break during Friday night rehearsals; boys may like to bring a small snack if they feel they can't last the distance! Water bottles are permitted; however bubble taps are in the studio if the boys need a drink. No juices or other drinks please.

All Other Boys

If you have not yet returned your son's dry-cleaned robe *tsk, tsk, tsk* . . . (hem down ready for the yearly check) and laundered robe bag and uniform bag could you please do so by Friday? Some numbered calico bags are still missing – please ensure these are returned ASAP.

☺ Thanks

Also, all music from last year now needs to be returned. Please ensure you return your music by this Friday's rehearsal, January 31.

What you should have collected tonight that needs to be attended to and returned ASAP

- Wardrobe Fitting Appointment preference sheet – Uber important!
- Personal Details Form
- Health & Emergency Contact (HEC) form