

NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 1

Wednesday 5 February 2020



Gosh those holiberreries went quickly. Trust everyone enjoyed the festive season, had a good break and is now ready to tackle 2020.

We welcome four new choristers **Alistair Cumming, Derek Qian, Eren Sahingoz, Deniz Sahingoz** and Ayrton **White** into the Junior Choir. We hope you and your families enjoy your time with the NBCA.

2019 Christmas Concert



Congratulations to last year's Elementary choristers, this year's 2020 Junior choristers, for a wonderful performance on the Hamer Hall stage.

Photo CDs of the Christmas Concert are available to purchase from the office for \$10.00 each. You can drop off a USB and we can load the photos for you.

A few reminders...

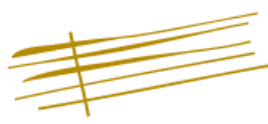
REHEARSALS in Term 1 commence at 6.00pm and conclude at 7.15pm. Choristers are expected to arrive 10 minutes beforehand so they're ready to start promptly at 6.00pm.

CHOIR NUMBER

Your son's choir number may have changed – please make a note. For our new starters, you will be allocated a choir number which is viewable on your pigeon-hole in the rehearsal room. Artistic staff will guide all choristers to their new pigeon-holes.

APOLOGIES

If for some reason your son is unable to attend a rehearsal, please email office@nationalboyschoir.com.au or Mrs de Jonge and Mrs Eldred in the office on 9872 4480 and leave an apology. There is an answering machine to take messages outside office hours.



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PERSONAL DETAILS

New Personal Details forms will go home with boys tonight. We ask that you check and complete details where necessary and return in person or by scan and email by next week, Wednesday 12 February at the latest. Thank you! 😊

HEALTH & EMERGENCY CONTACT (HECs FORM)

The health and welfare of the boys is our priority. It is important that we are aware of any health issues that may require our attention when the boys are in our care.

New forms will go home with boys tonight. Again, we ask that you complete, sign and return to us by next week. There will be filed for the current year and we ask that you keep us informed of any changes.

ADDRESSES

A 2020 Junior Choir Directory list will be available to all Junior Chorister families in the next couple of weeks. We encourage parents to car pool and share the driving wherever possible; this is not a major issue in the younger groups but becomes a real asset when the boys move on to the Performing Choir.

Please let us know by Wednesday 12 February if:

- * you **do not** want your phone number circulated
- * there are any **name changes, changes of address or contact numbers**

CIRCULARS/CORRESPONDENCE

- Weekly circulars will be emailed to you. A hard copy is available on request.
- If you miss a circular or need to refer to any previous details, they are all listed on our web site <http://nationalboyschoir.com.au/choir-community/junior-chorister-community/> and follow the tabs.
- Login details: Username: <**Your Email Address**> Password: **csharp2015!!**

Correspondence – other than circulars – to and from the Choir

All choristers have an allocated pigeon-hole. Any correspondence other than weekly circulars (unless requested) will go home via the boys. This may include concert ticket information, flyers etc. Boys will be encouraged to check their pigeon-holes at the end of each rehearsal. Term invoices will be emailed to all families, starting today. Prompt attention is always appreciated. 😊

Any correspondence coming to the choir – term fees, notes etc can be delivered directly to the office as you arrive for rehearsal. If the office is unattended, please use the letter box directly beneath the office window. This is a locked box and any notes/money will be collected the following day.



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HOMEWORK

It is important for the boys to spend time each week at home revising the skills they are learning at choir. We recommend 15 to 30 minutes practice at least every second day to revise music notes, lyrics and material covered from our weekly rehearsals. Practice tracks will be made available for the boys to use and details regarding these will be placed in the weekly circular.

REHEARSAL TIMES

Rehearsals for Term 1 will commence at 6pm and conclude at 7.15pm.

FEBRUARY

Wednesday	12	6.00pm to 7.15pm
Wednesday	19	6.00pm to 7.15pm
Wednesday	26	6.00pm to 7.15pm

MARCH

Wednesday	4	6.00pm to 7.15pm
Wednesday	11	6.00pm to 7.15pm
Wednesday	18	6.00pm to 7.15pm
Wednesday	25	6.00pm to 7.15pm

FIRST TERM HOLIDAYS

All term dates and times are also listed on the NBCA website once you've logged in

SPECIAL DATES - lock these into your diaries

There are special dates throughout the year so that Elementary choristers are ready for their performances. Here's a snapshot of dates to add to your diaries now.

March

Wednesday 25 Open rehearsal for parents (times TBC)

May

Wednesday 13 Elementary & Junior Showcase (times TBC)

Wednesday 27 Combined rehearsal with Elementary Choir 5.15pm to 6.45pm

June

Wednesday 17 Combined rehearsal with Elementary Choir 5.15pm to 6.45pm

July

Wednesday 22 Combined rehearsal with Elementary Choir 5.15pm to 6.45pm

Saturday 25 Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood Hall (times TBC)

October

Wednesday 21 Combined rehearsal with Elementary Choir 5.15pm to 6.45pm

ALL weekly circulars will be forwarded via email (unless advised otherwise)

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November

Wednesday 18 Combined rehearsal with Elementary Choir 5.15pm to 6.45pm

December

Wednesday 2 Junior Graduation

Friday 4 Orientation, Juniors to visit Performing Choir 7.15pm to 8.30pm

Wednesday 16 Combined rehearsal with Elementary Choir 5.15pm to 6.45pm

Sunday 20 Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall (times TBC)

HOSPITALITY ROSTER



Parents are most welcome to wait in the reception area during rehearsal. Feel free to make a cup of tea or coffee, have a chat and meet with other parents. If you have siblings with you, please ensure they are supervised and the kitchen and toilet areas are left clean and tidy.



We are more than happy to organise a roster for parents to 'host the kitchen'- not an onerous task - supply a small amount of milk, nibbles (optional - the afternoon tea is not for the choristers, but for waiting families and siblings ☺), and tidy the kitchen area at the end of rehearsal. We have prepared a tear off slip at the end of this Circular. We will only run the roster if we receive enough responses. *Note: The NBCA's kitchen is a nut-free zone.*

Things to do before next rehearsal

- ✓ Check personal details and HECs form details and return to the office
- ✓ Permission to circulate details within the Choir community
- ✓ Term fees
- ✓ Hospitality Roster



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HOSPITALITY ASSISTANCE

FAMILY NAME _____

CHORISTER'S NAME _____ CHOIR NUMBER **J** _____

I am available to participate in a roster for the following duties:

- * Supply a small container of milk
- * Provide biscuits, or similar. Optional.
(these treats are for the waiting family and siblings)
- * Stack dishwasher with dirty dishes and tidy sink area ready for the next group



However, I am NOT available on the following dates . . .
