



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Junior Choristers Circular No. 8

Wednesday 15 April 2020

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TODAY	First rehearsal, term 2 via Virtual Rehearsal Room (details below)
Wednesday 13 May	Junior showcase (TBC)
Wednesday 27 May	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 5.15 to 6.45pm (TBC)
Wednesday 17 June	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 5.15 to 6.45pm (TBC)
Wednesday 22 July	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 5.15 to 6.45pm (TBC)
Saturday 25 July	NBCA Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood Hall Monash University
Saturday 5 December	Christmas Party for Special Children, Melb Showgrounds (<i>times TBC</i>)
Sunday 20 December	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

TERM 2

Due to the legal requirements of COVID-19 restrictions, the NBCA will not be able to hold physical rehearsals at Ringwood for at least the first part of Term 2. We have closed the Ringwood offices, and staff are mostly working from home.

As an interim program, we have set up our Virtual Rehearsal Room, with a view to keep our choir members engaged, connected and singing. We are keen to return to normal operations once restrictions are lifted, but there is no real indication yet of when that will happen.

We ask you to help your boys engage fully in the program on offer, by watching and engaging with videos, and by active participation in the Zoom rehearsal sessions. Please email the office as usual to register apologies, or if you have any queries or problems. We will keep you informed about any changes to restrictions as soon as there is news.

JUNIOR VIRTUAL REHEARSAL ROOM

As of today, we're holding our weekly Wednesday rehearsals for Term 2 via our Virtual Rehearsal Room from 6.00pm to 6.30pm.

How does it work?

At the start of each week, we will email you a pre-rehearsal video for you to watch so you can prepare for each rehearsal, accessible here:

<https://readycloud.netgear.com/client/browselink.html#t=1cbsgbe9m8hvf3xvyn9xkwe4u7l/Junior%20Choir%20Online%20Learning>

Password: NBCA2020

We will provide you with links to downloadable worksheets and music as needed. We will also save these on the NBCA website. You can then access these anytime by following this pathway after you've logged in:

Choir Community dropdown -> Junior Choristers -> Music tab -> 2020 Online Learning folder

You will also need access to Zoom. You can create an account for free at <https://zoom.us/pricing>



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Once you've created your account, you can then join the Virtual Rehearsal Room with Ms Brook, Mrs Zavou, Mr Taylor and your Junior Choir friends.

To access the Virtual Rehearsal Room, go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/637982942?pwd=VUJnZ2F6UEU4dksxVnImMDZ0U0Vidz09>

Meeting ID: 637 982 942

Password: NBCA2020

What do I need?

Please come prepared each Wednesday with your music satchel and music, a sharp pencil and any printed worksheets. Don't forget to watch the pre-rehearsal video before each Wednesday! 😊

Please let us know if you have any issues or if you're an apology by emailing the office at office@nationalboyschoir.com.au. Mrs de Jonge will be monitoring emails before and during each rehearsal.

HOMEWORK

We hope you continued to look over your choir music over the holiday break. Please keep learning and working on each song in your practice each week. The aim is to have everything memorised by the time we meet back together face-to-face.

Practice tips:

- Always start with your breathing exercises and vocal warmups
- Set yourself a goal to work towards for each song when you practise (for example, following music, memorising words, feeling the beat, intonation/pitch)
- Write down your goal to share at our next rehearsal.
- Drink plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated

Each week, you will have the rehearsal video and live zoom call where we will continue working on our repertoire and learning new vocal skills. Make sure you include these in your practice routine. The repertoire list below shows what music is to be practiced at home.

Repertoire list:

- Ah Poor Bird
- Dona Nobis Pacem
- The Swing
- The Water is Wide
- Placement one in C
- Ribbons in the sky
- Can you hear me?



Download the tracks by logging in to the NBCA website and following the pathway:

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