



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR  
OF AUSTRALIA

**Junior Choristers Circular No. 16**

Wednesday 10 June 2020

**DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .**

<b>TODAY!</b>	<b>Rehearsal 6.00pm to 7.00pm (see details below)</b>
TBC	Junior showcase (to be re-scheduled)
<b>Saturday 25 July</b>	NBCA Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood (to be rescheduled)
<b>Saturday 5 December</b>	Christmas Party for Special Children, Melb Showgrounds (times TBC)
<b>Sunday 20 December</b>	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

**NBCA CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOLS & REHEARSALS**

Please remember to read the [NBCA's procedures](#) for return to rehearsals in the Ringwood studios, starting today. Rehearsal will be held from 6.00 to 7.00pm.

**We will be welcoming the following choristers at our studios today:**

J7 George Coombs, J8 Alistair Cumming, J10 Harrison Eury, J12 Elii Geoghegan, J13 Zethan George, J25 Nathan Pan, J31 Harrison Sinnett, J33 Raiden Tansu, J36 David Shaolun Xu, J41 Deniz Sahingoez, J42 Eren Sahingoez, J43 Ayrton White

**All other boys will be rehearsing from home and the Zoom details are as follows:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/637982942?pwd=VUbnZ2F6UEU4dksxVnlmMDZ0U0Vidz09>

Meeting ID: 637 982 942

Password: NBCA2020

**If you would like your son to attend rehearsal at our studios from next week, please contact the Office by 5.00pm this Sunday, June 14.**

We suggest you might have your son practise wearing a face mask at home, to get used to the idea. They don't need to be worn for Zoom rehearsals. Please reassure him that they are only a precaution, like wearing a seat belt in a car. There are still no reports of infection connected to the Choir community. If your son cannot wear a face mask, please contact the Office.

**A quick reminder of the procedure going forward:**

- Drop off/pick up in the carpark
- Sanitise and temperature check at the door – with staff
- Cloth face masks will be issued at rehearsal
- Spatial distancing of 1.5 metres is required (no close contact) – follow the floor markings
- Bring music satchel, pencil, eraser, sharpener, water bottle, sanitiser
- No sharing music, equipment, water bottles
- Wash/sanitise hands after toilet or cough/sneeze
- Exit one by one – staff to supervise

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

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

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### HOMEWORK

How wonderful to see so many of you moving and keeping up with some tricky dance moves last week. We hope you all had fun!

This is an exciting week as it's our first face-to-face rehearsal. The artistic staff have been busily preparing for this rehearsal, and we are so grateful for your patience and hard work during the online zoom rehearsals up until now. While we transition back to full Junior choir face-to-face rehearsals, we are pleased that choristers are joining us in person and online until numbers can increase.



### Your practice focus this week is back to POSTURE and BREATHING!

Over the last number of weeks, this has slipped a little so please be mindful of how you are standing to practise. Remember, as you breathe in expand your tummy and keep those shoulders relaxed. First, start on the floor with our breathing exercises and then move in front of a mirror and watch yourself while you sing. Then, check in that you are expanding and keeping those shoulders relaxed and still.

The repertoire list below shows what music you need to practise at home. Please use the practice tracks from the NBCA website to go over this music.

### Repertoire List

- Chariot's Comin'!
- Ah Poor Bird
- Dona Nobis Pacem
- The Swing
- The Water is Wide
- Placement one in C
- Ribbons in the sky
- Can you hear me?
- Algie Met the Bear
- Water Spout Song
- Calypso Song



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

Choir Community dropdown menu -> Junior Choristers -> Music tab -> 2020 folder

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**FUNDRAISING - Cadbury Chocolate Block Raffle**



For people who have purchased tickets in our G I A N T chocolate block raffle – never fear, we *will* be drawing this raffle - we have simply put this on hold until choir resumes in a more normal way. We promise to keep you posted . . .



**Tickets are \$5 each *or* 5 for \$20**

Please email [office@nationalboyschoir.com.au](mailto:office@nationalboyschoir.com.au) if you still want to purchase a ticket or two (or five 😊).