



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Elementary Choristers Circular No. 18

Wednesday 24 June 2020

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TODAY!	Rehearsal 4.45pm to 5.30pm (see details below)
TBC	Elementary Showcase (to be re-scheduled)
Saturday 25 July	NBCA Mid-Year Concert, Robert Blackwood Hall Monash University (to be re-scheduled)
Sunday 20 December	NBCA Annual Christmas Concert, Hamer Hall

Tonight is the final rehearsal for Term 2. Term 3 will commence Wednesday 15 July

NBCA CORONAVIRUS PROTOCOLS & REHEARSALS

Please remember to read the [NBCA's procedures](#) for return to rehearsals in the Ringwood studios. Rehearsal will be held from 4.45 to 5.30pm.

As of Monday, the following choristers will be attending our studios today:

E1 Ethan Akula, E5 Moses Chan, E6 Noah Chen, E8 Matthew Coslovich, E12 Benjamin Guan, E16 Charlie Huang, E17 Harrison Keegan, E18 Steven Kou, E22 Yuankai Li, E23 Thurston Long Nguyen, E25 Windsor Ma, E27 Jack Morgan, E31 Shahan R-Shakeel, E33 Adi Rob, E36 Emerson Sebire, E38 Noah Stepien, E39 Blake Stewart, E43 Dean Thongyen, E44 Trin Thongyen, E50 Colin (Langran) Zhao

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/222025139?pwd=MmZ1RDdTNzdKV0FwbTduWVh3NGtwUT09>

Meeting ID: 222 025 139 Password: NBCA2020

If your son has a face mask from a previous rehearsal, please would you check that it fits. The elastic can be knotted or cut if necessary. Masks need to be washed and brought clean into the rehearsal in the satchel or in a pocket.

Please do not send your son into the building wearing a mask.

The doors will not be opened before 4.35pm – please wait in the car, rather than queuing up in the cold.

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 – doors open at 4.35pm
- 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

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- 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. Mrs de Jonge will be monitoring emails before and during each rehearsal.

TERM 3

As you will be aware, the Victorian Government delayed easing of restrictions this week, to deal with the increase in reported infections. The current expectation is that restrictions will ease again on 13 July, from which time we will be allowed 50 people in a single indoor space. This assumes the current outbreak is brought under control.

Our current plan following restrictions easing is to return to full rehearsals at Ringwood from the first week of next term, with Zoom only available to boys who send a prior apology. We will confirm this on Friday 10 July. If the virus situation does not improve, or if restrictions do not ease, we will continue with small groups of boys at Ringwood, as we have done for the last three weeks.

The health and safety of our whole Choir community continues to be our priority. As mentioned above, there are still no reported cases of Covid-19 infection connected with the choir. If your son or anyone at home is sick, please do not come to choir.

HOMEWORK



Thank you for all your hard work in term 2. Our weekly rehearsals during term haven't looked the same, but we're super proud of the hard work and dedication you've put in at home with our new learning style. We can't wait to have you all back for face-to-face learning and finally singing together as a group where you can all hear each other. Please use the weekly videos to practise with over the holidays.

Your practice focus during the break will be on memorising your music. See how many songs you can sing from memory.

The repertoire list below shows what music needs to be practised at home. We're working towards memorising all music as soon as possible. Please use the practice tracks from the NBCA website to go over this music. Please alert Mrs de Jonge in the office if you're experiencing any issues logging in.

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Repertoire List

- ★ Chariot's Comin'! (Part 2/Lower Part)
- ★ Angels in the Snow
- ★ Kangaroo
- ★ Ickle Ockle
- ★ On a Log
- ★ Mister Sun
- ★ Moon So Round and Yellow
- ★ Breathing exercises
- ★ The Salley Gardens
- ★ Can you hear me? (Lower part track)
- ★ 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 -> Elementary Choristers -> Music tab -> 2020 folder

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 if you still want to purchase a ticket or two (or five 😊).



The Entertainment Book

Head to <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/181d541> to secure yours today!

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiberry.
See you all back next term!

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