

# NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

## Elementary Choristers Circular No. 38

Tuesday 15 December 2020

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>TOMORROW!</b>	<b>Final Rehearsal Term 4</b>
<b>December 18</b>	<b>NBCA Christmas Twilight Picnic Party 5:30 – 8:30 pm (Pilgrim Court)</b>

#### 2021

Wednesday 3 February **First rehearsal for Term 1, 2021 6 – 7:15 pm**

Saturday 24 July **NBCA Mid-Year Concert** (Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University)

### REHEARSAL & SHOWCASE VIDEO PARTY – TOMORROW!

Tomorrow is our final rehearsal of the year! To celebrate, our Elementary choristers will be spending the session watching the Showcase video. A snack and drink will be provided, or you may send your own if you prefer. The link to the recording will be emailed to families tomorrow, too.

**Time:** 4:45pm to 5:45pm  
**Bring:** Pillow or soft toy  
**Wear:** Something Christmassy!



Be ready to see your amazing performances and have some fun with your choir mates!  
**Please bring back any music in your satchel if this has not already been done**

### JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

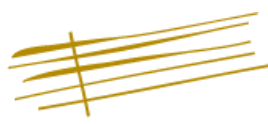
Junior Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from **6:00 – 7:15 pm** in the Bird Studio. Rehearsals in Term 4 usually extend to a 7:30 pm finish.

The first rehearsal for 2021 will be on **Wednesday 3 February** – we look forward to seeing you there!

### REHEARSAL COVID-SAFE PLAN

Please remember the Choir's **COVID-Safe Plan**:

- Please drop off and pick-up your son from the carpark - *the office will be available after rehearsal has commenced, but the foyer remains closed*
- Doors will not open until five minutes before rehearsal commences
- Masks are no longer required
- On arrival, boys will be asked to clean their hands
- Boys will move straight to their places in the studio, keeping a 1.5 metre distance away from each other, following the tape markings on the floor
- Boys are reminded to wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue, handkerchief or their elbow



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### TERM 4 INVOICES

A reminder that the payment date for Term 4 invoices was November 4. If you have overlooked settling your account, action to process payment would be appreciated.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and would like to discuss payment of fees, please email our Treasurer Mr Colin Seedy at [treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au](mailto:treasurer@nationalboyschoir.com.au)

### NBCA Family Christmas Twilight Picnic Party – This Friday!

**We look forward to welcoming you this Friday for our Family Christmas Twilight Picnic Party! Full details were sent in an email earlier this week, which can be viewed [here](#).**

Please ensure that you have booked your free tickets on [Trybooking](#), including for choristers – there will be no tickets available at the gate, and government regulations mean there can be no entry without a ticket

**You can watch the Junior Choristers perform and graduate shortly after 6:00 pm**

There will be a raffle in support of Vision Australia, which will be drawn at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5.

### A Different Year for the NBCA...

As we sit back tomorrow to watch the Elementary Choir Showcase video, we can still look over 2020 with a sense of achievement.

Our choristers achieved incredible things this year, despite the challenges that COVID-19 brought. Yes, there were times of hardship and being disconnected from our choir friends. However, the Elementary Choir remained dedicated and engaged with their choir commitments. Choristers rose to the COVID challenge and rehearsed diligently so they could be prepared for their Showcase Recording last Saturday. They all looked dapper in their stagewear and they sounded delightful during their tapings while smiles were from ear to ear. Such a special way to end an unprecedented year. Congratulations to all our choristers!

A huge thank you to Ms Brook, Mrs Zavou and Mr Taylor for continuing Choir rehearsals week-to-week online while keeping choristers engaged with fun games and activities. Another generous thank you to Mrs Nicholls who covered Mrs Connellan's wardrobe duties during her maternity leave and fitted all choristers with their stagewear. Also, thank you to Melissa Botha (E2) for washing all the shirts after the recordings. Where would we be without our volunteers? We are very lucky to have such dedicated parents. Which leads to one more special thank you and congratulations to...YOU! All the Elementary



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parents have done a stellar job keeping choristers on track and logging in for Zoom rehearsals, while juggling home-schooling and working from home.

We're now looking ahead to 2021 when we'll be hosting more concerts and performing opportunities as COVID restrictions continue to ease. Plus, the Elementary choristers proceed to their Junior year of training. Oh, how time flies!

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Choir, may you all enjoy the Christmas season with family and friends, and we hope your New Year is an exciting and prosperous one in the months to come. We look forward to welcoming you all at our Family Christmas Twilight Picnic Party this Friday.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

