



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Elementary Choristers Circular No. 3

Tuesday 23 February 2021

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

Saturday 21 March NBCA Fun Run/Walk 11:00am to 1:00pm *Full details below!*

REHEARSALS

We welcome all boys back into the studio tomorrow, now that the lockdown is over. Normal rehearsal times apply – 4:45pm to 5:45pm.

COVID-Safe Rules

The following COVID-19 rules apply:

- Please wear a face mask (except under 12 years old, or if you have an exemption)
- If anyone in your household is sick, please do not come to Choir
- If you have been to any of the exposure sites as listed here:
<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/case-locations-and-outbreaks-covid-19> please follow DHHS instructions regarding isolation and testing

REHEARSAL COVID-SAFE PLAN

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

- All rehearsals are held at our Ringwood studios in person unless otherwise advised
- 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 open five minutes before rehearsal commences
- 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

HOMEWORK

Practice tracks are now available for selected repertoire to assist the boys with their practice. Please utilise these tracks along with the vocal warmup videos (starting with A).

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.

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Repertoire List & Vocal Warm-up Videos

Choristers have taken home sheet music for the following songs. Please take the time to look over these songs and learn the words.

Once you have practised these songs, make sure they're returned to your satchel ready to bring to our next rehearsal.



- ★ Singing is Fun/Sing sing together (practice tracks uploaded online)
- ★ Sing Allelu (practice track uploaded online)
- ★ Start Every Day with a Song
- ★ My Dog Jed (practice track uploaded online)

Log in to the NBCA website to access the practice tracks and vocal warm-up videos:

Choir Community -> Elementary Choristers -> Music -> 2021 folder

(Refer to the how-to chart you received at the Choir information night)

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Choir is constantly practising and reviewing safety procedures. We plan to practise our evacuation procedure with the Elementary Choir over the coming weeks. We will walk around the back way to the carpark.

FUNDRAISING – Fun Run/Walk, Sunday 21 March 11:00am-1:00pm

An event for ALL the family and four legged pets 😊 This activity not only raises funds for the Choir, but it is a terrific social activity to meet new friends and share time with your family and the wider choir community.

The course is 4km along Gardiner's Creek Reserve, Burwood – behind Deakin University. Choristers do not pay a registration fee but are encouraged to gain sponsorship support for their efforts. Family and friends are welcome to join in at a nominal registration fee of \$5 – children 5 and under are free. All participants will be rewarded with a sausage in bread as they finish the course. 😊



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Sponsorship forms will go home shortly – all choristers will have an opportunity to win a prize. There will be a ticket given for every \$20 raised in sponsorship. \$40 raised will earn two tickets in the draw, \$60 raised will earn three tickets etc. There will be a prize draw for the Performing Choir and one between the Elementary and Junior choirs. There will also be a prize for the chorister who raises the most money overall.

It's been a difficult 12 months; this is an opportunity to reconnect.