



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Elementary Choristers Circular No. 34

Monday 1 November 2021



**We are thrilled to welcome boys back to the studios this week!
You have all done such a great job dealing with online rehearsals
for so many weeks – but now we can be a choir again.**

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK!	Rehearsal at Ringwood! 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm
Saturday 18 December	4:00 pm NBCA Christmas Concert 1
Sunday 19 December	NBCA CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP PARTY Heatherdale Reserve

****NEW** LOCKDOWN LIFTED – Return to Ringwood**

With the lifting of Lockdown and further easing of restrictions from last Friday, we have had our final Zoom rehearsal. Rehearsals from this Wednesday will be in the studios at Ringwood. Zoom will remain available for two weeks for any families who need more time to make arrangements to return, but we urge all boys to attend in-person rehearsals as soon as possible – *choir is not really choir on Zoom!*

- Boys attending rehearsal at Ringwood should please bring their music satchel, and wear a face mask indoors where possible
- Please email the office with any apologies, or if your son will be attending on Zoom

OFFICE

***The office has now re-opened, and staff will largely be working from Ringwood again.
During the first rehearsal in the studios on 3 November the office and foyer will be closed,
but will open fully at rehearsal the following week, up to the density limit of 20 people.***

VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

The Choir has an obligation to provide the safest possible environment for its Staff, choristers and families, and we believe that vaccination is the best way to do this. Accordingly, from Wednesday 3 November, entrance to the premises for anybody 16 years old or over will require the following:



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- QR code log-in
- A valid Vaccination Certificate shown to staff (fully vaccinated or legally exempt)
- Compliance with mask wearing and social distancing rules

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to get as many of your family as are eligible vaccinated as soon as possible – there will almost certainly be aspects of choir in the next few weeks which will rely on family members being fully vaccinated.

Information about vaccinations can be found here:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine>

ZOOM DETAILS for boys attending rehearsal from home

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054498129?pwd=dVZER0RnRVBwNUhOaThT25ETS9TQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5449 8129 Passcode: NBCA2021

Please email the office if your chorister is attending the rehearsal via Zoom.

Virtual Rehearsal Room points to note:

- Write your name and choir number into the chat when you arrive (e.g. Joe Smith E 19)
- Be sitting well on a firm chair or upright on the edge of the couch
- Be in a common area if possible (if in a bedroom, please set up a virtual/digital background)
- Have parents nearby
- Use earphones/headphones as necessary

The chat feature on Zoom is only to be used for direct questions/answers to the NBCA staff.

COVID MARSHALS 😊

To streamline the return of the foyer and office, are there any parents who could volunteer to monitor the QR status of adults from next Wednesday 8 November? This would help staff immensely – please shoot us an [email](#) if you think you could spare 10 mins at the beginning of rehearsal.

HOMEWORK

Continue to practise your choir songs using the video below.

Term 4 Repertoire Rehearsal Videos for download – Elementary Choir

https://nationalboyschoir-my.sharepoint.com/personal/nas_nationalboyschoir_com_au/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly9uYXRpb25hbGJveXNjaG9pci1teS5zaGFyZXBvaW50LmNvbS86ZjovZy9wZXJzb25hbC9uYXNfbmF0aW9uYWxib3lzY2hvaXJfY29tX2F1L0V2NXhQcjNYNENKQ2dJTDVrMEYwQ3djQlNjMjdFUGhZWIM4QlpCbWFXcXRbVUE%5FcnRpbWU9QmpJbjlydDQyVWc&id=%2Fpersonal%2Fnas%5Fnationalboyschoir%5Fcom%5Fau%2FDocuments%2FData%2FDOCS%2FWEB%20RECORDINGS%20%26%20SCANS%2F2021%2FCHRISTMAS%202021%2FREHEARSAL%20VIDEOS%2FTRAINING%20CHOIRS

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Repertoire:

- ★ For the Children – Part 2
- ★ Singabahambayo – Part 2
- ★ Miracle of Lights
- ★ Solfege Santa
- ★ Jubilate, Sing with Joy
- ★ Jolly Old St. Nicholas
- ★ Mince Pie or a Pudding
- ★ Turkeys United
- ★ Christmas Singalong

*Tracks and sheet music are uploaded on the choir website for you to access.

***NEW* FACEBOOK VIDEOS**

A number of promotional videos have been posted on Facebook and Instagram this year and last. They will be available to view and download in the FACEBOOK folder in the Homework link above.

****NEW** AUDITIONS IN-PERSON AT NBCA, Saturday 20 November**

If you know anyone who might be interested in auditioning, please direct them to our website.



It starts with an audition...

The National Boys Choir of Australia's
AUDITION DAY

will be on Saturday 20 November 2021 from 9:30 am
This is for boys in years 1 and 2, to commence with the choir in January 2022
Auditions are free, informal, and take only a few minutes.

Since 1964 NBCA has offered unique musical experiences for boys,
with outstanding performance opportunities including the annual 'Carols by
Candlelight' and performances with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra;
with excellent vocal training provided in a supportive and friendly environment.

For more information, or to arrange an audition appointment,

please visit our website:

www.nationalboyschoir.com.au



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Friendly reminders...

- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Rehearsal in the studio tomorrow from 4:45 pm to 5:45pm
- ✓ Homework items and video viewing
- ✓ Do you know someone who wants to audition for the NBCA? Appointments now available
- ✓ Join the [NBCA Facebook group](#)

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