



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

Elementary Choristers Circular No. 35

Tuesday 9 November 2021

DATES ON THE HORIZON . . .

TOMORROW!	Rehearsal at Ringwood! 4:45 to 5:45 pm
Wednesday 1 December	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 4:45 to 6:00 pm
Wednesday 8 December	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 4:45 to 6:00 pm
Wednesday 15 December	Combined rehearsal with Junior Choir 4:45 to 6:00 pm
Saturday 18 December	4:00 pm NBCA Christmas Concert 1
Sunday 19 December	2:00 pm NBCA Christmas Concert 3
	4:30 pm NBCA CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP PARTY Heatherdale Reserve

LOCKDOWN LIFTED – Return to Ringwood

We were delighted to welcome back choristers to the studios last week, and again this week! This is the last week Zoom will be available during Wednesday rehearsals – the link is below. 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. The office and foyer will open fully at rehearsal as of this 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, entrance to the premises for anybody 16 years old or over will require the following:

- 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>



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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 E19)
- 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 this week? This would help staff immensely – please shoot us an [email](#) if you think you could spare 10 mins at the beginning of rehearsal.

****NEW** COMBINED REHEARSALS THIS TERM**

The first of our combined rehearsals with the Junior Choir is on Wednesday 1 December. Elementary rehearsal will start as normal at 4:45 pm but will finish a little later than usual at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of these combined rehearsals is to assist both choirs in their practice together so they can prepare for their appearance in the Christmas Concerts in December.

There will be two more combined rehearsals, on December 8 and 15. Mark all these dates and times in your diaries!

****NEW** CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

You may notice in the Dates section above that the details of our planned Christmas Concerts have changed again this week, following cancellation by our intended venue. We have sourced an alternative venue and are in the process of confirming arrangements. We expect to have full details and tickets on sale in time for next Tuesday's Circular.

HOMEWORK

Continue to practise your choir songs using the videos at this link:

https://nationalboyschoir-my.sharepoint.com/personal/nas_nationalboyschoir_com_au/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?originalPath=aHR0cHM6Ly9uYXRpb25hbGJveXNjaG9pci1teS5zaGFyZXBvaW50LmNvbS86ZjovZy9wZXJzb25hbC9uYXNfbmF0aW9uYWxib3lzY2hvaXJfY29tX2F1L0V2NXhQcjNYNENKQ2dJTDVrMEYwQ3djQlNjMjdFUGhZWIM4QlpCbWFXcXRBUUE%5FcnRpbWU9QmpJbjlydDQyVWc&id=%2Fpersonal%2Fnas%5Fnationalb

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Repertoire:

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

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

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
- ✓ **ESSENTIAL:** Mark all combined rehearsal dates and times in your diaries
- ✓ Homework items and video viewing
- ✓ Do you know someone who wants to audition for the NBCA? Appointments now available
- ✓ Join the [NBCA Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/nationalboyschoir)

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