



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

Sydney Senior Commitments 2020

This information applies to both Camerata and Performing Choir

Commitment

In order for the choir to continue to reach, and surpass, the high standard of performance and presentation that we have attained, choristers in our senior levels must understand that choir commitments come directly after compulsory school engagements (not co-curricular school commitments). We understand that busy and talented young women of the calibre of our senior choristers will always have many other interests such as dance, instrumental lessons, or sporting commitments. It is important to establish an order of priorities. We expect 100% attendance at weekly rehearsals and other choir events and many choristers nationally achieve this. The minimum attendance rate that we are prepared to accept is 80%.

Rehearsal Times and Venue

Beecroft Camerata – Wednesday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Mount Saint Benedict College, Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills. Rehearsals commence on **Wednesday January 29, 2020**.

Chatswood Camerata – Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Mercy College, 99-109 Archer Street, Chatswood. Rehearsals commence on **Thursday January 30, 2020**.

Performing Choir – Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Mercy College, 99-109 Archer Street, Chatswood. Rehearsals commence on **Thursday January 30, 2020**.

Costume and Uniform

The weekly rehearsal uniform for Camerata and Performing Choir consists of navy dance pants, a navy t-shirt, a magenta polar fleece and optional shorts. New Camerata choristers will need to purchase an AGC Backpack.

The Camerata and Performing Choir costume consists of black costume pants, a coloured top and black jazz shoes. It will be necessary for all new Camerata choristers to purchase the black costume pants at a cost of \$50 at the beginning of 2020. Provision of the costume top is included in 2020 fees; tops will be on loan and need to be returned when girls leave the choir.

Australian Girls Choir Concerts

Choristers in the senior levels are expected to participate in all Australian Girls Choir concerts throughout the year including the associated onstage rehearsals – the Winter Showcase Concerts (June), AGC in Concert (August/September) and the Annual Concerts (November/December). Confirmed dates will be provided early in 2020. Should you be unable to attend one of the concerts, we ask that you please contact our office to discuss this.

Public Engagements

We are invited to participate in a large number of public engagements each year and this requires a high level of commitment from girls and parents. On some occasions event organisers provide transport to and from the event, however for most engagements it is the responsibility of parents to organise their daughter's transport. The decision to participate in public engagements is at each parent's discretion; we encourage girls to make themselves available for public engagements unless there is a compulsory school event or family commitment that prevents this happening.

Tour

We are pleased to be offering two touring opportunities in 2020: a two week National Tour in June and a three week International Tour in September. Expressions of interest to tour will be accepted following the Annual Concert. Details will be distributed in class in Term 4 this year.

See the next page for details of Camerata and Performing Choir commitments

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CAMERATA

Camerata 2020 Fees

The Camerata annual fees for 2020 are \$2160. This fee incorporates participation in weekly classes; all extra combined rehearsals; the compulsory Music School; the provision of a costume top for choir concerts and engagements; a suit pack and the loan of original notated sheet music.

Camerata Music School

Saturday March 21 and Sunday March 22, 2020

Attendance at the Music School is expected for all Camerata choristers. Non-attendance must be discussed with us prior to acceptance as a significant amount of work is covered over the two days and the Winter Showcase choreography item is learnt.

Extra Rehearsal Days

To prepare for engagements and concerts we will be holding five compulsory rehearsal days for Camerata throughout the year. Full attendance is expected. Dates and times will be confirmed with re-enrolment information.

Full day Rehearsals:

Standard Repertoire Rehearsal #1 – Saturday February 22

Standard Repertoire Rehearsal #2 – Saturday May 9 (half day rehearsal)

AGC in Concert Production Rehearsal – Held in August

Carols Rehearsal Day – Held in early September

Annual Concert Production Rehearsal – Held in October/November

Camerata Extension Activities

Leadership Positions

Early next year Tutors will nominate girls for the roles of Camerata Leader, Dance Leader and Section Leaders.

Camerata Dance Group – Danzare

All Camerata choristers may audition for Danzare at the beginning of 2020. Positions in Danzare only become available when girls leave Camerata. Rehearsals take place between 5.45 – 6.30pm each Wednesday at Beecroft and each Thursday evening at Chatswood prior to Camerata and a fee of \$510 per year applies.

PERFORMING CHOIR

Performing Choir 2020 Fees

The Performing Choir annual fees for 2020 are \$2825. This fee incorporates participation in weekly classes; all extra combined rehearsals; the compulsory residential Music School; the provision of a costume top for choir concerts and engagements and the loan of original notated sheet music.

Performing Choir Music School – held in the school holidays

Monday April 20 – Friday April 24, 2020

The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops, NSW

The Music School has been a compulsory event since the choir's inception. Up to a year's intensive work is covered in this time and choreography items are learnt. We understand that conflicts can arise but the rule is and will remain the same; **girls who cannot attend this Music School are ineligible to be part of Performing Choir. No exceptions will be made.** We encourage you to contact us prior to re-enrolment if you have a conflicting commitment.

Extra Rehearsal Days

To prepare for engagements and concerts we will be holding five compulsory rehearsal days for Performing Choir throughout the year. Full attendance is expected. Dates and times will be confirmed with re-enrolment information.

Full day Rehearsals:

Standard Repertoire Rehearsal #1 – Saturday February 22

Standard Repertoire Rehearsal #2 – Saturday May 9 (for 1st year Performing Choristers only; half day rehearsal)

AGC in Concert Production Rehearsal – Held in August

Carols Rehearsal Day – Held in early September

Annual Concert Production Rehearsal – Held in October/November

Performing Choir Extension Activities and Awards

Scholarships, Awards and Leadership Positions

The Jean Oliver Choir Leader Scholarship and June Bronhill Vocal Potential Scholarship are awarded to Performing Choir members at the end of each year for the following year. We also recognise General Excellence, Outstanding Contribution and Outstanding Performer. Senior choristers are currently awarded leadership positions including Section Leader, Dance Leader, Junior Specialist Leader and g-oz Community Leader.

Performing Choir Dance Group – Ballare

Choristers in Performing Choir must be in their second year or above to audition for Ballare. Positions in Ballare only become available when girls leave the choir. Auditions will be held in February 2020. Rehearsals take place between 5.00 – 5.45pm each Thursday evening and a fee of \$580 per year applies.

Performing Choir – Bel Canto

Bel Canto is a select group of choristers and places only become available when girls leave the choir. Choristers are offered a position based on their history with the choir and their voice placement results at the start of the year. Bel Canto rehearse each Thursday evening between 5.45 – 6.30pm. No extra fee is charged.