



Melbourne Senior Commitments 2021

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. 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

Box Hill Camerata – Wednesday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Kingswood College, 355 Station Street, Box Hill. Rehearsals commence **Wednesday January 27, 2021**.

Kew Camerata – Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Genazzano College, 301 Cotham Road, Kew. Rehearsals commence **Thursday January 28, 2021**.

Performing Choir – Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Genazzano College, 301 Cotham Road, Kew. Rehearsals commence **Thursday January 28, 2021**.

We understand that for many choristers the location of this rehearsal venue will result in many kilometres and extra travel time each week. We believe that carpooling arrangements can help facilitate choristers travelling great distances in order to participate in these rehearsals.

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 the beginning of next year. Provision of the tops is included in the 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 rehearsals – the Winter Showcase Concerts (June), AGC in Concert (August/September) and the Annual Concerts (November/December). Confirmed dates will be provided early next year. Should you be unable to attend one of the concerts, we ask that you please contact our office to discuss this.

Public Engagements

Normally, we are invited to participate in a number of public engagements throughout the 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.

Touring

Under normal circumstances we offer a two week National Tour in June/July and a three week International Tour in September/October. We are unable to make any plans at this stage but hope to be able to make some national touring plans in 2021. We will be in contact with all senior girls' parents as soon as we have a plan in place.

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

CAMERATA

Camerata 2021 Fees

The Camerata fees for 2021 are \$2,160 which is the same amount as in 2020. 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 20 and Sunday March 21

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 four compulsory rehearsal days for Camerata throughout the year. Full attendance is expected. Dates and times will be confirmed early next year.

Full day weekend rehearsals:

Standard Repertoire Rehearsal – Held in late February

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 select girls for the roles of Camerata Leaders, Dance Leader, Section Leaders and goz Community Leaders.

Camerata Dance Group – Danzare

All Camerata choristers may audition for Danzare at the beginning of 2021. Positions in Danzare only become available when girls leave Camerata. Rehearsals will take place between 5.45 – 6.30pm each Thursday evening and a fee of \$510 per year applies.

PERFORMING CHOIR

Performing Choir 2021 Fees

The Performing Choir fees for 2021 are \$2,825 which is the same amount as in 2020. 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 during school holidays

It is our preference to bring girls from at least two states together to undertake a week of learning in April each year and it is necessary to confirm venue bookings and airline travel around this time of year. In light of the non-refundable deposits we would be risking and the extreme uncertainty about interstate travel we have decided to hold in state residential Music Schools in 2021. Please note that this date has changed from previous communication.

Tuesday April 13 – Friday April 16

Phillip Island Adventure Resort, Cowes, VIC

The Music School has been a compulsory event since the choir's inception. Up to an extra term'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.** It is our expectation that girls will remain on-site for the duration of this music school. 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 four compulsory rehearsal days for Performing Choir throughout the year. Full attendance is expected. Dates and times will be confirmed early next year.

Full day weekend rehearsals:

Standard Repertoire Rehearsal – Held in late February

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, Leadership Positions and Awards

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. Senior choristers are currently awarded leadership positions including Section Leader, Dance Leader, Junior Specialist Leader and goz Community Leaders. We also present awards for excellence, contribution and performance.

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 and auditions will be held in February 2021. 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 beginning of the year. Bel Canto rehearse each Thursday evening between 5.45 – 6.30pm. No extra fee is charged.