



Canberra Performing Choir Commitments 2024

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

Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Canberra Girls Grammar School, Melbourne Avenue, Deakin (Senior School). Rehearsals commence on **Thursday February 1, 2024**.

Costume and Uniform

The weekly rehearsal uniform for senior choristers consists of AGC dance pants, AGC t-shirt and a magenta polar fleece. The Performing Choir costume consists of black costume pants, a costume top, an AGC black senior performance t-shirt and black jazz shoes.

It will be necessary for all new Performing choristers to purchase an AGC Backpack which currently costs \$38, black costume pants which currently cost \$50 and a black senior performance t-shirt which currently costs \$20, at the beginning of 2024.

Provision of the costume top is included in 2024 fees; costume tops will be on loan and need to be returned when girls leave the choir.

Australian Girls Choir Concerts

Performing Choristers are expected to participate in all Australian Girls Choir concerts throughout the year including the associated rehearsals – the Winter Showcase Concerts (mid-June), AGC in Concert (mid-August) and the Annual Concerts (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

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.

See the next page for further details of Performing Choir commitments

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Performing Choir 2024 Fees

The Performing Choir fees for 2024 are \$3,090. 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

The Performing Choir Music School is held during school holidays

Monday April 15 – Friday April 19, 2024

The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops, NSW

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 Compulsory 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. Choristers unable to attend will need to discuss the impact this has on their involvement in engagements and choreography items at concerts

Full day weekend rehearsals:

Senior Rehearsal Day #1 – Sunday February 25

AGC in Concert Production Rehearsal – First weekend in August

Senior Rehearsal Day #2 – Held in early September

Annual Concert Production Rehearsal – Held in November

Performing Choir Leadership

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 Leaders, Dance Leader, Junior Specialist Leader and goz Ambassadors. We also present awards for excellence, contribution and performance.

Performing Choir Extension Activities

Performing Choir Dance Group – Ballare

All Performing choristers may audition for Ballare in February 2024. Current members of Ballare will retain their position in 2024 and places only become available when girls leave the choir. Ballare will rehearse separately each week, and will have the opportunity to work with a professional choreographer to hone their dance and performance skills. The group will feature in a number of Performing Choir and massed items. Rehearsals take place between 5.45 – 6.30pm prior to Performing Choir rehearsal and a fee of **\$640** per year applies.

Performing Choir – Bel Canto

Choristers in Performing Choir are eligible for 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 voice placement results at the beginning of the year and years in Performing Choir. Bel Canto rehearse each Thursday evening between 5.00 – 5.45pm. No extra fee is charged.