



Melbourne Senior Commitments 2024

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

Camerata – Burwood East venue on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Blackburn English Language School, 120 Eley Rd, Burwood East. Rehearsals commence **Wednesday January 31, 2024**.

Camerata – Kew venue on Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Genazzano College, 301 Cotham Road, Kew. Rehearsals commence **Thursday February 1, 2024**.

Performing Choir on Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 9.00pm at Genazzano College, 301 Cotham Road, Kew. Rehearsals commence **Thursday February 1, 2024**.

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 senior choristers consists of AGC dance pants, AGC t-shirt and a magenta polar fleece. The 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 Camerata and Performing choristers to have 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

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) and the Annual Concerts (November). 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 details of Camerata and Performing Choir commitments

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CAMERATA

Camerata 2024 Fees

The Camerata fees for 2024 are \$2,370. 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 costume bag and the loan of original notated sheet music.

Camerata Music School

Please block out this weekend. The Camerata Music School is a compulsory commitment. Choristers who do not attend this rehearsal will need to discuss the impact this has on their involvement in choreography participation for AGC concerts.

Saturday March 16, 2024 – 9am – 5pm

Sunday March 17, 2024 – 9am – 3pm

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. 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 18

AGC in Concert Production Rehearsal – Early August

Senior Rehearsal Day #2 – Held in early September

Annual Concert Production Rehearsal – Held in October

Camerata Extension Activities

Leadership Positions

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

Camerata Dance Group – Danzare

All Camerata choristers may audition for Danzare at the beginning of 2024. Positions in Danzare only become available when girls leave Camerata. Rehearsals will take place between 5.45 – 6.30pm each Wednesday evening at Burwood East or Thursday evening at Kew and a fee of \$560 per year applies.

PERFORMING CHOIR

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 8 – Friday April 12, 2024

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

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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 Leaders, Dance Leader, Junior Specialist Leader and goz Ambassadors. 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 2024. Rehearsals take place between 5.00 – 5.45pm each Thursday evening and a fee of \$640 per year applies.

Performing Choir – Bel Canto

Choristers in Performing Choir must be in their second year or above to be 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 5.45 – 6.30pm. No extra fee is charged.