



Canberra Performing Choir Commitments 2025

Commitment

We know that many AGC choristers are multi-talented and participate in wide-ranging extra-curricular activities and we aim to support you to meet your various commitments wherever possible. In order for us to continue to meet our artistic aims we need a high level of commitment from our most senior choristers. Our artistic and performance outcomes can only be achieved if every girl attends choir rehearsals consistently. We ask that you prioritise choir second only to compulsory school engagements (not co-curricular school commitments).

Each chorister plays a crucial role in our ensemble, and regular attendance is vital. Low or inconsistent attendance impacts our ability to polish choreography and grow our repertoire. While we appreciate efforts to make up missed work, group dynamics and ensemble skills can only be developed during rehearsals. 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 6, 2025** (this is one week later than previously advised).

Costume and Uniform

As a senior member of the choir, choristers are asked to maintain a high standard of presentation. The weekly rehearsal uniform is compulsory at every rehearsal and AGC event. It consists of black dance pants, magenta t-shirt and a magenta polar fleece to be worn with black socks and all black shoes. Current Performing choristers will be required to transition to wearing black dance pants and magenta t-shirt at the start of 2025.

The costume consists of an AGC logo t-shirt, costume top and black jazz shoes worn with the AGC black dance pants. Provision of the costume top is included in 2025 fees; costume tops are on loan and need to be returned when girls leave the choir.

All Performing choristers are required to have an AGC Backpack which currently costs \$39 and an AGC logo t-shirt which currently costs \$20 which can be purchased at the start of 2025.

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 Production Rehearsals – the Winter Showcase Concerts (June), AGC in Concert (August) and the Annual Concerts (November). Confirmed dates will be provided next year. Absences from compulsory rehearsals may impact your daughter's involvement in performing in certain items. Should you be unable to attend any of these dates, 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. 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. It is the responsibility of parents to organise their daughter's transport.

See the next page for further details on Performing Choir commitments

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Performing Choir 2025 Fees

The Performing Choir fees for 2025 are \$3,215. 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 a compulsory commitment held during school holidays. 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.

Sunday April 13 – Thursday April 17

The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops, NSW

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

Senior Rehearsal Day #1 – Sunday February 23

Extended Standard Repertoire Rehearsal - Thursday February 27

AGC in Concert Production Rehearsal – Early August

Senior Rehearsal Day #2 – Early September

Annual Concert Production Rehearsal – Held in October

Performing Choir Extension Activities

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 g-oz Ambassadors. We also present awards for excellence, contribution and performance.

Performing Choir Dance Group – Ballare

All Performing choristers may audition for Ballare at the beginning of 2025. Positions in Ballare only become available when girls leave the choir and auditions will be held in February 2025. Rehearsals take place between 5.45 – 6.30pm each Thursday evening and a fee of \$665 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. Positions only become available in this select group of choristers when girls leave the choir. Positions are offered based on voice placement results at the beginning of the year, and years in Performing Choir. Rehearsals take place each Thursday evening between 5.45 – 6.30pm. No extra fee is charged.