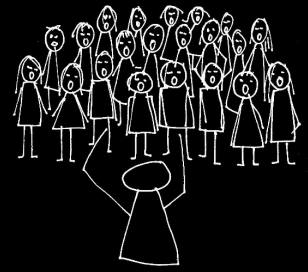




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What is Choralfest?

The NSW Department of Education invites you to be a part of Choralfest. This vocal competition celebrates singing through primary and high school vocal ensembles and is for the enjoyment and enrichment of all school ages. The purpose built arts venue and high quality musical adjudicators make this a competition not to be missed in the school year!

The festival provides a great opportunity for choristers to publicly perform, showcase their learning, observe other performances and receive constructive and positive feedback from recognised musical experts. Choralfest aims to provide a learning experience for singers from Kindergarten to Year 12 through both listening and performance, in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

1. ENTRY GUIDELINES - General

- A DoE school ensemble may participate in **one** of the **self-selected** categories. **Choral directors are to nominate the section in which their ensemble will participate.**
- Repertoire is at the conductor's discretion – there are no set pieces, however, adjudication is based on suitability of material for the ensemble, a balanced program, entertainment value and technical considerations.
- Upon arrival, School Co-ordinators need to sign on at the registration desk.
- Choralfest is open to DoE school age (primary or secondary) students only.
- **ALL** ensemble members must fit the category presented. (e.g. no former students)
- Please note, this is an **acoustic event** and microphones **will not** be provided.
- A digital piano, computer and audio cable will be provided to use for accompaniment.

2. VENUE & TIME

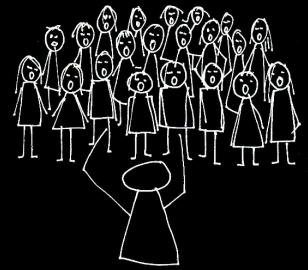
- Warners Bay Theatre – Lake Street, Warners Bay.
- The festival will run **2-4 May 2023**, 8.20am to 4.00pm each day.
- Adjudication and presentation of certificates will take place at the conclusion of each section.
- Ensembles are invited to perform **up to 3 pieces**. A **maximum** time limit of up to **20 minutes** (subject to program restraints) applies to all ensembles, which includes entry time. Time allocations will be confirmed once the program for each day has been finalised. The program will be accessed www.hccchoralfest.org.au. Failure to adhere to the time limits will result in marking penalties.

3. ADJUDICATION AND AWARDS

- Our adjudicator will be a well-known professional musician, teacher or choral director.
- The adjudicator's decision is final.
- Each ensemble will receive constructive and helpful feedback via written notes and an audio recording.
- Ensembles will also receive one of the following certificates: section winner, highly commended or commended. (A digital student participation certificate will be sent to coordinating teachers for printing at school).

4. COST

- \$120 entry fee per ensemble for the first **TWO** ensembles, \$50 entry fee for each subsequent ensemble entered.
- **Entry Fees will be collected via direct correspondence with your School Administration Manager. (NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN).**
- Entries not received by the due date will attract an additional **\$30 late fee** and acceptance will be at the discretion of the organising committee (please add cheque with your entry).
- Entry forms close **5pm WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 2023 (Week 10 Term 1).**
- Students in school ensemble uniforms and designated personnel (maximum 2 per ensemble) with Choralfest lanyards will be admitted free. Choralfest lanyards will be distributed upon arrival at the sign-on desk. These must be worn at all times to gain entry to the backstage area and the auditorium. All other personnel are required to pay an admittance fee of \$5. EFTPOS facilities will be available.



5. EVENT CATEGORIES

Event No.	Section	Numbers of performers
1	Infants (K-2) Choir Mixed	Any number
2	Stage 2	Under 16 vocalists
3	Stage 2	Over 16 vocalists
4	Stage 3	Under 16 vocalists
5	Stage 3	Over 16 vocalists
6	K-6 Choir Mixed	Any Number
7	Primary (3-6) Choir Mixed - Unison	Any number
8	Primary (3-6) Choir Mixed - Harmony	Any number
9	K-6 - Boys Ensemble	Any number
10	K-12 Combined Public Schools Choir	Any Number
11	Stage 4	Under 16 vocalists
12	Stage 4	Over 16 vocalists
13	Stage 5	Under 16 vocalists
14	Stage 5	Over 16 vocalists
15	Stage 6	Under 16 vocalists
16	Stage 6	Over 16 vocalists
17	High School Choir Mixed - Unison	Any number
18	High School Choir Mixed - Harmony	Any number
19	High School - Boys Ensemble	Any number

6. EQUIPMENT/ACCOMPANIMENT

Choralfest is an **acoustic festival**. Schools are not to bring their own microphones or PA systems for use at Choralfest.

Equipment provided includes:

- Conductors Stand
- Digital Piano
- Choir risers designed to hold approximately 50 students. If a group is larger than this, please arrange for the shorter students to be placed in front of the risers, on the floor.
- Computer with USB capability for backing tracks
- A 3.5mm audio jack for input of other audio devices (phones etc). *Note: Personal devices must be operated by someone from your school.*

7. AUDIENCE

- A \$5 entry fee will be charged once for the day (please retain ticket) – this includes a program
- To avoid disruption to the competition, audience members are asked to be seated five minutes before a section commences

8. GENERAL

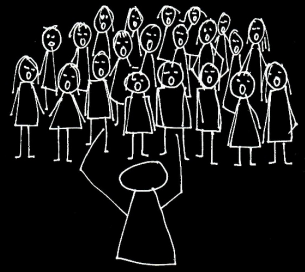
- *Please remind students to exercise care on the choir risers especially when entering and exiting the stage. Please also remind students to keep well hydrated (to avoid stage fainting) and wiggle toes and feet between songs. This is imperative for the safety of all students. Groups will not be penalised for movement between songs.*
- When the entry forms are received and processed, information regarding exact days and times will be available on the website www.hccchoralfest.org.au and emailed to ensemble coordinators.
- All music copyright laws must be strictly adhered to and Choralfest takes no responsibility for schools that do not comply with regulations.
- Teachers are to ensure students have completed the Publicity Consent Form which is to be filed at your school.
- For further questions about Choralfest, please contact Chris Blake at: admin@hccchoralfest.org.au



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Publicity Consent (To be kept at school)

Dear Parents,

In an effort to promote our school and our student's achievements to the wider community, we plan to invite the local media to special school events throughout the year. This may be in the form of a television report, or as a photo and brief article in the newspaper. The children's names usually accompany photos in newspapers. We are seeking permission from you for your child to be included in any such promotions.

Please complete the consent form below and return it to your child's ensemble coordinator.

(Please return this section to your school)

CHORALFEST PUBLICITY CONSENT (To be kept by the school)

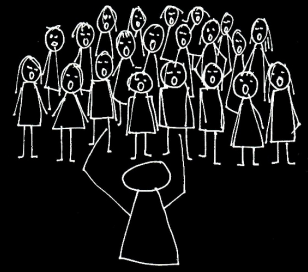
I **DO / DO NOT** give permission for my child _____ of
class _____ to be photographed by the media, or take part in
positive media promotions at Choralfest as a member of _____
School.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)



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Invitation to Principals

Dear Principal

Choralfest is a Department of Education Arts Unit initiative which aims to be an annual festival of singing in our region. The competition celebrates school vocal ensembles and involves primary and secondary students from many schools. The adjudication will be by professional musicians from the Hunter region, and will provide detailed feedback in the form of audio and written comments to students and staff.

This year Choralfest will be held on 2-4 May 2023 in the purpose built arts venue, Warners Bay Theatre, Lake Street, Warners Bay. Each school will be allocated a time and this can be found on the website www.hccchoralfest.org.au or by asking your music coordinator.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your school vocal ensemble, as without executive support, events like this simply cannot exist.

We look forward to seeing you at Choralfest!

Regards,
Choralfest Committee

