



*Our Lady of Good Counsel
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O.L.G.C. SCHOOL CHOIR 2019

The OLGC school choir will soon begin its program for 2019. The OLGC school choir is run by Mrs. Sarah Webster, who is a respected voice and choral teacher, with many years experience working with solo singers, choirs and musical groups of all ages and styles. The choir itself is a valued part of the life of the OLGC school community, and has earned itself a reputation for its very high standard of singing.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The program is open to all children in **Years 2-6**.

The OLGC *training* choir is open to all children in **Years 2-3**.

The OLGC *performance* choir is open to all children in **Years 4-6**.

Children in Years 4-6 who have not previously sung in the OLGC training or performance choir will undergo a brief assessment.



REHEARSALS

We are very excited that in 2019, we have a classroom dedicated to our creative and performing arts lessons. All rehearsals will now take place in this room, unless otherwise advised.

TRAINING CHOIR:

Day: **MONDAY** mornings during the school term – commencing **February 11, 2019**

Time: **8.10am-8.50am**.

Singers are asked to arrive **by 8am** as rehearsals begin *promptly* at 8.10am

Place: **new “Music/Drama Rooms” (demountables)**

PERFORMANCE CHOIR:

Day: **THURSDAY** mornings during the school term – commencing **February 7, 2019**

Time: **8.10am-8.50am**.

Singers are asked to arrive **by 8am** as rehearsals begin *promptly* at 8.10am

Place: **new “Music/Drama Rooms” (demountables)**



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COST(S)

There have been changes to the fee structure for the OLGC choir program for 2019, in order to continue to provide the same high standard of training for two separate groups.

The fee for *training* choir members is **\$50 p.a.** This covers the director's time and the cost of resources such as folders and music.

The fee for *performance* choir members is **\$75 p.a.** This covers the director's time, music resources, transportation, accompaniment and other fees associated with performance opportunities outside the school.

ALL choristers pay the fee. There is no sibling discount.

This choir fee will be invoiced to families later in Term 1, once they have returned their choir contract (see below). There are no refunds if choristers choose to withdraw after invoices are issued.

ATTENDANCE

Children are expected to commit to the choir ***for the duration of the 2019 school year***. This is necessary in order to allow the choir to develop cohesion and a consistent standard. Being part of a choir is being part of a team, and a team is only as good as each and every member of that team.

Attendance at all rehearsals and in-school performances is *very* important. Parents will be asked to account for their child's absence from rehearsals and/or performances. If a singer is deemed to have missed too many rehearsals, they risk being excluded from performances.

Attendance at performances outside of school time is not compulsory but strongly encouraged, especially our school family masses.

Parents and children sign a "choir contract" confirming their understanding of this commitment and behaviour expectations (distributed at first session).





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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

BOTH CHOIRS:

- 1) School Masses and liturgies – as determined
- 2) OLGC Sunday 10am family masses (dates to be advised)*
- 3) Choir Workshop Day – Thursday, April 4, 2019 (Term 1, Week 10)
- 4) OLGC End Of Year Music Showcase – November 2019
- 5) Whole School Christmas Carols Night – Thursday (evening), December 5, 2019

PERFORMANCE CHOIR *ONLY*

- 1) Northern Beaches Eisteddfod – Thursday, May 31, 2019 (Term 2, Week 5)
- 2) Warringah Mall Schools Spectacular – November 2019

* Please note that attendance at the school's family masses is considered an important part of being a member of the OLGC choir, as we represent our school to the wider Parish community.

All events, dates and times subject to change and will be confirmed closer to time.

COMMUNICATION: "REMIND" APP

All communications regarding OLGC choir matters are done through the app "Remind". This messaging app is especially designed for teachers and parents and offers better privacy for all concerned.



"Remind" is free, does not sell or share information about students, parents or teachers. Personal information remains private, secure, and confidential. If you would like to know more, please go to: www.remind.com.

It is **VITAL** that ALL families join the "Remind" app or they WILL miss out on important communication. I only teach at OLGC one day each week, and work at three other schools on the other days. It is faster, more efficient and more convenient for me to use this app to communicate with you than to do so via the school office, especially regarding out-of-hours events and last minute changes to rehearsals.



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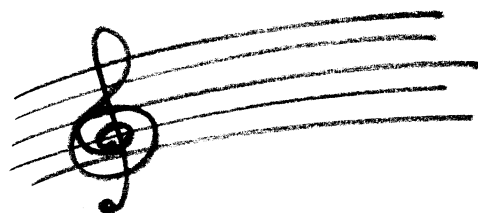
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GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Each choir has its own "Google Classroom" where the children can access music files and other useful documents and information. The children join their respective "Google Classroom" using their school email address and the appropriate class code:

- *PERFORMANCE CHOIR* - class code:
- *TRAINING CHOIR* – class code:



WHEN DO WE START?

- YEARS 4-6 **Thursday, February 7, 2019**
- YEARS 2&3 **Monday, February 11, 2019**

8am arrival for 8:10am start - **in the new "Music/Drama Rooms" (dismountables).**
Parents are welcome to stay and observe this first session if they wish.

At the end of this session, all children will be issued with the choir contract. Parents will be invoiced and choristers issued with their choir folder for 2019 when this contract is returned, and the family has signed up to the "Remind" app.

The children are under no obligation to continue with the choir after the first session if they decide they do not wish to join. However, Performance Choir will not accept new members after Week 5 of Term 1, 2019.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on the email below.

Looking forward to another fantastic year of learning and singing!

(Mrs.) Sarah Webster
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