

Dear Singers and Parents,

We have a very exciting term coming up for Hunter Singers, with lot of gigs and important events leading up to our Brisbane Tour. The details are included below. The first Hunter Singers rehearsal for this term will be on **Tuesday 2 May** at Merewether High School Learning Centre.

Please check the program carefully and put the details into any diaries or calendars you keep as a family. Refer to it when organising work rosters and family outings. I will send email updates and reminders if you include your most frequently checked email address in the Medical and Information form.

SECONDARY CHORAL CONCERT TUESDAY 16 MAY

The Secondary Choral Concert will be held at Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday 16 May. The concert will feature Faure's Requiem, *Jandamarra* by Paul Stanhope, and guest artist Felix Riebl from The Cat Empire. I know the singers will have a wonderful day. There will be a regional rehearsal for this event at Hunter School of the Performing Arts on Friday 28 April. Liz Scott from The Arts Unit will conduct the rehearsal. The music and teaching tracks are available by clicking these links: **Music:** <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/15e8quo5qt2rjcb/AACwN2yxvjdVc9dm39bJIH3Pa?dl=0>
Teaching Tracks: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kp8x9748fj0q19d/AABPDa6ubuuYwS6wUzrvBX_a?dl=0

The bus will leave Merewether High School (Pokolbin Street) at 7am on 16 May and return to the same point at approximately 11.30pm. The cost for the Sydney excursion is \$70, which includes the music, participation fee and bus fare. The Hunter Singers black trees T-shirt is to be worn with jeans during the day. Girls will change into the 'peacock' tops and performance pants for the performance and boys will change into the performance uniform with tie. Singers should bring lunch and snacks to eat during the day. They will also need money to purchase dinner (around \$20). *Uniform: Wear black trees with jeans and joggers. Take performance blacks with peacock tops (girls), black shirt/blue tie (boys).*

STAR STRUCK

Hunter Singers have a strong role in Star Struck this year, as featured performers on stage in four songs. At other times throughout the show, Singers will perform with the Massed Choir, instead of waiting outside in the shed as per previous years. No one will be permitted to remain in the sheds. All singers must be part of the Massed Choir or another featured role in the show. Featured artists, dancers, musicians and backing vocalists will join with Singers during their featured items where possible. The rehearsal and performance dates are 15 May, 9 June and 15-17 June. Information regarding Star Struck is on page 4 of this letter. Cost for the participation fees, T-Shirt and choir props will be \$55.

CONSERVATORIUM CONCERT 25 JUNE

The second concert in our subscription series this year will be held at Newcastle Conservatorium on 25 June. The rehearsal will be 10am-1pm. Please bring your lunch with you as we have a very limited amount of time in the venue prior to the concert. Tickets for this concert are \$30 adults, \$25 concession, \$10 children, available at www.trybooking.com

BRISBANE TOUR 30 June – 4 July

Organisation is well underway for the Brisbane Tour. The balance for the tour payment will be \$600, due on 23 May. Tour information, invoices and permission slips will be emailed directly to those participating in the tour.

FEES & PERMISSION SLIPS

Individual Term 2 accounts will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks. All payments for Term 2 are due by the first rehearsal, together with the attached permission note and publicity permission slip. You will also be emailed the medical and contact information form containing the current details on file. Can you please update/add any information that is incorrect/missing. These can be handed to Lynne Kentish at rehearsal on the first Tuesday back or emailed to treasurer@huntersingers.com.

I am really looking forward to seeing you on Friday 28 April at Hunter School of the Performing Arts as we prepare for what looks to be another exciting term.

Cheers,

Kim Sutherland OAM
1 May 2017

HUNTER SINGERS 2017 PROGRAM

TERM 2	
Friday 28 April	Regional rehearsal for Secondary Choral Concert 9am-3pm at Hunter School of Performing Arts
Tuesday 2 May	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 2 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.30pm
Monday 15 May	Star Struck Choir rehearsal at Hall of Industry NEC, 8.45am-2.30pm
Tuesday 16 May	Secondary Choral Concert at Sydney Town Hall - Depart 7am from Merewether HS, Pokolbin St entrance, Rehearsal during the day, concert at night, Return 11.30pm to Merewether HS.
Friday 9 June	Star Struck Choir rehearsal at Hall of Industry NEC, 8.45am-2.30pm
Thursday 15 June	Star Struck Technical rehearsal at Entertainment Centre, 7.30am-5.30pm
Friday 16 June	Star Struck matinee and evening performances, 10am-1.30pm, 6pm-10pm
Saturday 17 June	Star Struck matinee and evening performances, 1.30pm – 5pm, 6pm-10pm
Sunday 25 June	Hunter Singers & Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 2 Newcastle Conservatorium, Rehearsal 10am-1pm, Concert 2pm Tickets \$30/\$25/\$10
30 June - 4 July	Hunter Singers Brisbane Tour for Pemulwuy Festival and ANCA Choralfest
TERM 3	
Tuesday 18 July	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 3 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.30pm
Tuesday 25 July	Newcastle Music Festival - Hunter Singers and Festival Chorus rehearsal for Rutter Requiem, 6-8 pm
29-30 July	Myuna Bay camp Saturday 8.30am – 4pm Sunday 8.30-5pm. Hunter Trebles only required on Saturday 29 July.
Monday 31 July	Possible performance in Sydney Opera House
Tuesday 1 August	Newcastle Music Festival - Hunter Singers and Festival Chorus rehearsal for Rutter Requiem, 6-8 pm
Tuesday 8 August	Newcastle Music Festival - Hunter Singers and Festival Chorus rehearsal for Rutter Requiem, 6-8 pm
Saturday 12 August	Newcastle Music Festival - Hunter Singers and Festival Chorus rehearsal for Rutter Requiem, 10am-2pm
Sunday 13 August	Newcastle Music Festival - Rutter Requiem, 12 noon soundcheck, 2.30-4.30pm concert
Tues 22 Aug TBC	Hunter Singers Inc AGM, 6.30pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre
TERM 4	
Tuesday 10 Oct	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 4 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.30pm
Sunday 3 Dec	Hunter Singers & Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 3 Adamstown Uniting Centre, Rehearsal 10am-1pm, Concert 2pm Tickets \$25/\$20/\$10
Wednesday 6 Dec TBC	Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles Schools Tour
Tuesday 12 Dec	Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles auditions
Friday 15 Dec	King Edward Park Carols By Candlelight

MUSIC

Teaching tracks and music and rehearsal tracks are available here:

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Information about choir props and Hunter Singers featured item costume will follow.

MONDAY 15 MAY – 8.45am-2.30pm

Full Choir Rehearsal Hall of Industry – Opposite Newcastle Entertainment Centre

- 8.45am Arrive and meet at the first potted tree. Wear Hunter Singers Tree Shirt and black pants.
- 9.00am Rehearsal begins
- 1.00pm Lunch. Please bring a packed lunch.
- 2.30pm Rehearsal ends

FRIDAY 9 JUNE – 8.45am-2.30pm

Full Choir Rehearsal Hall of Industry – Opposite Newcastle Entertainment Centre

- 8.45am Arrive and meet at the first potted tree. Wear Hunter Singers Tree Shirt or School Uniform.
- 9.00am Rehearsal begins
- 1.00pm Lunch. Please bring a packed lunch.
- 2.30pm Rehearsal ends

THURSDAY 15 JUNE – Technical and Dress Rehearsals

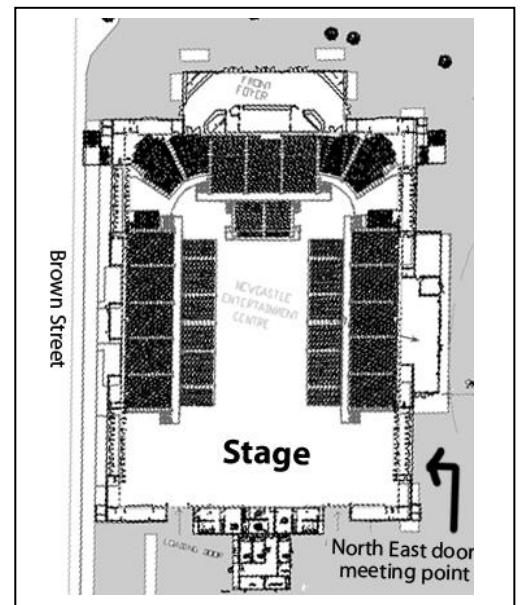
- 7.30am Arrive and meet at North East door of Newcastle Entertainment Centre
- 7.45am Sound check in choir stands, Technical Rehearsal begins
- 1.30pm Lunch. Please bring a packed lunch
- 2.00pm Dress Rehearsal
- 5.30pm Meet parents at North East door of NEC

FRIDAY 16 JUNE – Matinee and Evening Performance

- 9.30am Arrive and meet at North East door of NEC
- 10.30am Matinee Performance begins
- 1.30pm Meet parents at North East door of NEC
- 6.00pm Arrive and meet at North East door of NEC
- 7.00pm Evening Performance begins
- 10.00pm Meet parents at North East door of NEC

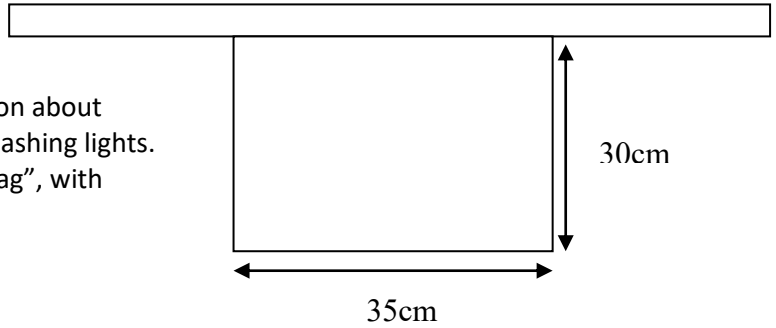
SATURDAY 17 June – Matinee and Evening Performance

- 1.00pm Arrive and meet at North East door of NEC
- 2.00pm Matinee Performance begins
- 5.00pm Dinner break. Students may meet parents if desired, and return by 6pm, or remain at Newcastle Entertainment Centre and bring sandwiches and snacks.
- 7.00pm Evening Performance begins
- 10.00pm Meet parents at North East door of Entertainment Centre



Costume

White Star Struck T-Shirt (Provided), black performance pants, black socks. You will receive further information about costume for the featured item and choir props and flashing lights. All choir props will be collected in a black "goodies bag", with construction details provided below.



BLACK "Goodies" bag.

- Made from black cotton
- Dimensions of bag is 35cm wide x 30cm long, with 4cm wide ties.
- Length of ties to suit individuals, tied around the waist with bag sitting on hip.
- Alternatively, bags may be fashioned from black supermarket shopping bags with straps

Cost

The cost for T-shirt, props, flashing light and the new participation fee is \$55. Please pay with your term fees.

Bring

A water bottle, snacks, Lunch for Thursday, and dinner for Friday if desired. Bring a jacket for interval and after the show. You can keep a backpack in the holding area outside, but don't keep valuables in your bag, bring your money in a small purse to keep in your pocket.

Supervision

The supervisors for Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles will be Claire Weedon, Alison Tenorio and Kim Sutherland.



HUNTER SINGERS TERM 2 2017 PARTICIPATION CONTRACT AND PERMISSION FORM

Singer's name: _____

(Please complete a separate sheet for each member of Hunter Singers in your family.)

I give permission for my child to participate in Term 2 activities as listed on the program. He/she is committed to the following events and has organised work rosters to ensure availability:

- Regional rehearsal for Secondary Choral Concert 28 April
- Secondary Choral Concert 16 May
- Star Struck rehearsals and performances for Massed Choir (15 May, 9 June, 15-17 June)
- Subscription Concert on 25 June at Newcastle Conservatorium

I understand that Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles operate under the guidelines of the Department of Education Excursions Policy and have discussed the rules and expected standards of behaviour with my son/ daughter. I know that the use of alcohol, cigarettes and narcotic drugs is strictly prohibited and that any serious breach of rules will result in parents being contacted and asked to collect their child from the activity.

I give permission for my child to be involved in promotional activities for Hunter Singers. This may include still and video photography. I approve the later use of any audio or video recordings and still photographs associated with Hunter Singers, for use on the Department of Education website, promotion of Hunter Singers and/or the Department of Education.

Signed (Parent/Caregiver)

Signed (Hunter Singers member)

Date