

Dear Singers and Parents,

The 30th Anniversary year for Hunter Singers has started well, with a wonderful first subscription concert and a fantastic tour of Central Australian. Congratulations to all singers and families for the commitment they have shown, especially those on tour, who demonstrated great resilience, spirit and talent. The first Hunter Singers rehearsal for this term will be on **Tuesday 30 April** 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. It's a big term with some really exciting events!

FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT

We will be holding a Trivia Night Fundraiser on 11 May, 6.30pm at New Lambton Community Centre. All families are asked to participate in this event by attending and providing prizes for the raffle and various activities on the night. It will be another fun night and we would love to see you there. Bookings are available at www.trybooking.com/BBXUR

SECONDARY CHORAL CONCERT MONDAY 20 MAY

The Secondary Choral Concert will be held at Sydney Town Hall on Monday 20 May. The concert will feature the beautiful Tippett Spirituals, famous songs from film scores and two songs with special guest Casey Donovan. I know the singers will have a wonderful day. The music and teaching tracks are available by clicking this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/Of4f1csq8f0ez8c/AAB17Ybdi9AK0Zvsub2ABXsta?dl=0>

The bus will leave from the front of Merewether High School (Chatham Street) at 7am on 20 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 from the nearby Food Court (around \$20). *Uniform: Wear black trees with jeans and joggers. Take performance blacks with peacock tops (girls), black shirt/blue tie (boys).*

Tickets for this concert are now on sale for any parents who would like to attend:

<https://www.cityrecitalhall.com/whats-on/events/in-concert/>

STAR STRUCK

Hunter Singers have a strong role in Star Struck this year, as featured performers for *The Wanderer* and as the core choir in the Massed Choir (on individual microphones). Featured artists, dancers, drama performers, musicians and backing vocalists will join with Singers during their featured item. The rehearsal and performance dates are 10 May, 7 June and 12-15 June. Information regarding Star Struck is included with this letter, including detailed information regarding drop off and pick up points. Please read this information carefully and provide all the information requested. Cost for the participation fees, T-Shirt, props and security fee will be \$60.

WORKSHOP AND CONCERT WITH THE IDEA OF NORTH

Hunter School of the Performing Arts is hosting The Idea of North on Thursday 6 June for workshops and concerts. I know this is close to Star Struck, so some singers will choose not to attend during the day, but it would be remiss of me to not give singers the opportunity to participate as I know how much they love working with The Idea of North. The day will include a workshop with The Idea of North, a concert for the students and a massed choir workshop led by Naomi Crellin. The evening concert starts at 7pm and Hunter Singers will perform an item at this concert and participate in the massed choir. The cost for the day is \$30. I am hoping that all singers will perform in the evening concert, however participation during the day is optional. Please indicate clearly the level of participation on the Term 2 contract.

SECOND SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT SUNDAY 30 JUNE

The second concert in our subscription series this year will be held on Sunday 30 June at Adamstown. The rehearsal will be at 9.30am and the concert commences at 2pm. Tickets for this concert are \$27 adults, \$22 concession, \$10 children, available at www.trybooking.com

GONDWANA WORLD CHORAL FESTIVAL 13-17 July

It is a great honour to be invited to participate in the Gondwana World Choral Festival in Sydney in July. This will be the greatest gathering of choirs in Australia this century, and we will have a wonderful time! We have also been asked to host one of the international choirs – the 60 voice Cigale de Lyon from France – for two nights prior to the festival (11-12 July). I am hoping that all families will be able to assist by taking at least two singers. Please indicate your availability to assist with billeting on the attached permission slip. The full timetable and permission note will be sent by the end of May.

Accommodation will be at The Rocks Youth Hostel and all performances are at Sydney Conservatorium and the Sydney Opera House.

The cost will be approximately \$300, including festival participation, accommodation and food. Lynne Kentish will send invoices in the next few weeks. We will travel down to Sydney by train, however singers will need to be picked up from Sydney after the final performance on Wednesday 17 July.

Tickets for the opening night gala are available at <https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/events/whats-on/classical-music/2019/gondwana-choirs/gondwana-choirs-sounds-of-australia.html>

FEES & PERMISSION SLIPS

Individual Term 2 accounts will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks. 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 emailed to treasurer@huntersingers.com.

I am really looking forward to sharing some great musical experiences with you in the coming weeks.

Cheers,

Kim Sutherland OAM
Music Director, Hunter Singers
28 April 2019

HUNTER SINGERS 2019 PROGRAM

TERM 2	
Tuesday 30 April	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 2 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.30pm
Friday 10 May	Star Struck Massed Choir rehearsal – Hunter Trebles and Hunter Singers in Massed Choir, 8.45-2.30
Saturday 11 May	Fundraising Trivia Night at New Lambton Community Centre, 6.30pm
Monday 20 May	Secondary Choral Concert at Sydney Town Hall - Depart 7am from front of Merewether HS, Chatham St, Rehearsal during the day, concert at night, Return 11.30pm to Merewether HS.
Thursday 6 June	Workshop and concert with The Idea of North at HSPA. 9am-3pm, then 6.30-9.00pm for concert.
Friday 7 June	Star Struck Massed Choir rehearsal
12-15 June	Star Struck week – Hunter Trebles and Hunter Singers in Massed Choir, Hunter Singers item in show
Sunday 30 June	Hunter Singers & Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 2 Adamstown Uniting Church, Rehearsal 9.30am-1pm, Concert 2pm Tickets \$27/\$22/\$10
11-13 July (holidays)	Hosting Cigale de Lyon from France before Gondwana Festival
13-17 July	Gondwana World Choral Festival in Sydney
TERM 3	
Tuesday 23 July	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 3 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.00pm
3-4 August TBC	<i>Hunter Singers camp Saturday 8.30am – 4pm Sunday 8.30-5pm. VENUE TBC</i>
Tues 20 August TBC	Hunter Singers Inc AGM, 6.30pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre
TERM 4	
Tuesday 15 October	Hunter Singers First weekly rehearsal for Term 4 at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.30pm
Saturday 16 November	Rehearsal for 30 th Anniversary Concert, 10am-4pm, Merewether HS Learning Centre
Sunday 17 November	Hunter Singers & Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 3 - 30th Anniversary Concert Newcastle Conservatorium, Rehearsal 9.30am-1pm, Concert 2pm Tickets \$32/\$27/\$10

HUNTER SINGERS

TERM 2 2019 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:

- Secondary Choral Concert on Monday 20 May (cost \$70)
- Star Struck Massed Choir on 10 May, 7 June, 12-15 June
- Workshop with The Idea of North on Thursday 6 July, 9am-3pm (cost \$30)
- Concert with The Idea of North on Thursday 6 July, 6.30-9pm (cost TBA)
- Subscription Concert on Sunday 30 June at Adamstown Uniting Church
- Gondwana World Choral Festival on 13-17 July (cost \$300)

I understand that Hunter Singers operates under the guidelines of the Department of Education and Communities excursions 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 & Communities website, promotion of Hunter Singers and/or the Department of Education & Communities.

Signed (Parent/Caregiver)

Signed (Hunter Singers member)

Date

HUNTER SINGERS BILLET SURVEY FOR CIGALE DE LYON

HOSTING IN NEWCASTLE ON THURSDAY 11-SATURDAY 13 JULY (2 NIGHTS)

- We are able to accommodate _____ billets from Cigale de Lyon on 11 and 12 July
- Preferred gender _____
- Preferred age _____
- Please circle which of the following applies to your situation:

We have a: dog cat bird other animal (specify) _____

Our family includes: vegetarians vegans lactose intolerant diet

Is there anything else we should be aware of when assigning billets to your family?

STAR STRUCK MASSED CHOIR INFORMATION

Costume

The costume for the Hunter Singers item is peacock tops with performance pants for girls, and long sleeved white shirt with collar and black performance pants for boys. The Massed Choir costume consists of a white Star Struck T Shirt, black pants, black socks and black shoes. You will need to purchase a red, yellow or orange hat or accessory and a small pocket mirror.

Bring

A water bottle, snacks, lunch for Wednesday, Thursday, and dinner for Friday if desired. There is quite a bit of waiting time while we are on call, so bring a book or card games to play. Bring a jumper for when we're outside in the choir holding area. Don't keep valuables in your bag, bring your money in a small purse to keep in your pocket.

Friday 10 May - REHEARSAL Newcastle Exhibition Centre, Brown Road Broadmeadow 8.45am-2.30pm

8.45am Arrive by the Brown Street entrance and meet at the first potted tree. Wear black tree shirt and jeans.

9.00am Rehearsal begins

1.00pm Lunch. Please bring a packed lunch.

2.30pm Rehearsal ends. Please have your name signed off before leaving.

Friday 7 June - REHEARSAL Newcastle Exhibition Centre, Brown Road Broadmeadow 8.45am-2.30pm

8.45am Arrive by the Brown Street entrance and meet at the first potted tree. Wear black tree shirt and jeans.

9.00am Rehearsal begins

1.00pm Lunch. Please bring a packed lunch.

2.30pm Rehearsal ends. Please have your name signed off before leaving.

Star Struck Show Week

Wednesday 12 June – REHEARSAL in Entertainment Centre

8.45am Arrive and meet at Curley Road Grandstand (High School Pick Up area)
Wear black tree shirt and jeans.

9am-5.30pm Sound check on mics in choir stands,

Thursday 13 June – Technical and Dress Rehearsals

7.30am Arrive and meet at North East door of Newcastle Entertainment Centre. Wear black tree shirt.

7.45am Sound check in choir stands
Technical Rehearsal begins

1.30pm Lunch. Please bring a packed lunch

2.00pm Dress Rehearsal begins

6.00pm Meet parents at High School Pick Up area

FRIDAY 14 June – Matinee and Evening Performance

9.30am Arrive and meet at High School Pick Up area

10.30am Matinee Performance begins

1.30pm Meet parents at High School Pick Up area

6.00pm Arrive and meet at High School Pick Up area

7.00pm Evening Performance begins

10.00pm Meet parents at High School Pick Up area

SATURDAY 15 June – Matinee and Evening Performance

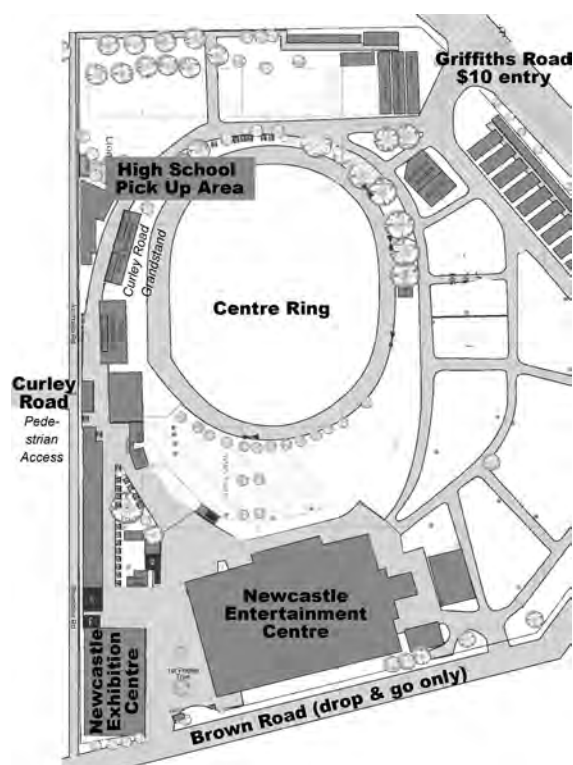
1.00pm Arrive and meet at High School Pick Up area

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.

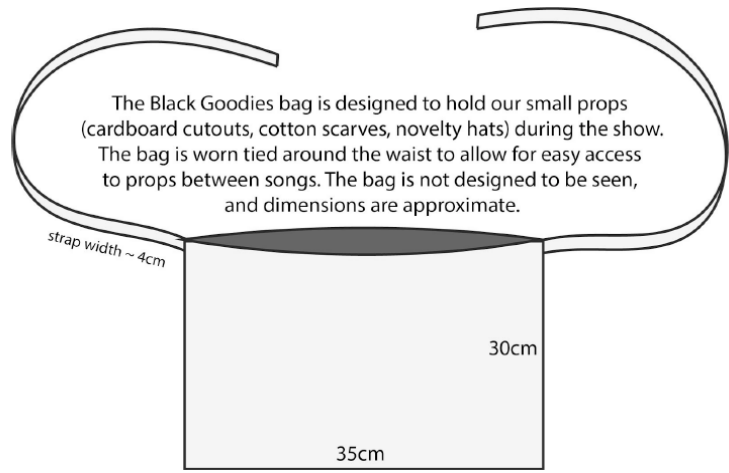
7.00pm Evening Performance begins

10.00pm Meet parents at High School Pick Up area



Choir Props and Bag

You will need to make a black bag out of cotton material to wear around your waist. If you are not good with fabric, consider constructing a bag out of a black Woolworths shopping bag.



You will need to purchase one of each of the following props.

RED, ORANGE or YELLOW HEAD ACCESSORY - "Crazy" party costume accessory in red, orange or yellow. Choose a hat, headband, wig, bow etc.



SMALL HAND MIRROR To help create a choir-sized mirror ball. A small hand-sized mirror, from a make-up compact, or a bird toy (no bell!), etc. Ensure the mirror has a backing, no plain glass for safety reasons. Silver foil cardboard circles acceptable, but not preferable.



Authority to Photograph, Film, Record – Child

I (name)

Of (address)

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give permission for (please print name of child)

child's date of birth..... of class

at School,

to participate in the **Star Struck 2019 – No Limits**.

I Do HEREBY AUTHORISE and permit the NSW Department of Education (DoE) through its employees or agents, to photograph my child, and/or to make a vision/sound recording of my child.

I understand the Department and **Star Struck 2019 – No Limits** may make use of, exploit/exhibit these photograph(s), vision/sound recording, incorporating my child's image, likeness and/or voice in any media format including:

- Public websites of the Department of Education including the school website, the Department of Education intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Department of Education publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department's websites
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets
- Sponsors of *Star Struck 2019 – No Limits*

for the purpose of promoting their involvement with, and support of, **Star Struck 2019 – No Limits** for the duration of the copyright and the copyright therein shall be the absolute property of the NSW Department of Education throughout the world.

I understand information published may include my child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of my child, my child's work and expressions of their opinion such as in interactive media.

I understand that participation by my child is entirely voluntary and that no payment of any kind is involved.

PARENT/CARER NAME: DATED:

SIGNATURE:

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Star Struck 2019 Parent/ Carer Information

Welcome to *Star Struck* 2019 and congratulations on your child's successful inclusion in the 2019 production *No Limits*.

Star Struck is a huge logistical and creative extravaganza and to ensure everyone has the best experience possible it is of the utmost importance that we work together in all aspects of this event.

Please take time to read through and familiarise yourself with the information below which has been developed with reference to the School Community Charter (which can be accessed through - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter>).

The following outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW Public Schools to ensure *Star Struck* is a collaborative, supportive and cohesive event.

Student safety

During *Star Struck* students are always supervised by teachers from their school. Please make sure you are aware of who your schools supervising teacher is and the school determined process for contact during show week.

For the safety and security of all students all holding areas are restricted areas during show week. Access is limited to students and authorised staff only.

All authorised staff will be wearing *Star Struck* security vests and *Star Struck* security passes to identify them.

Student drop off and pick up

A number of traffic changes will occur in the Broadmeadow area from Thursday 13 June to Saturday 15 June 2019. These changes are enforced by police and security and fines may apply to those not adhering to the rules.

Brown Rd is a NO PARKING, DROP OFF ZONE ONLY during performance days. Under no circumstances are people to leave their vehicle in Brown Rd to walk into the grounds. Brown Rd is a "drop off and leave" zone only.

Please note there is no supervision provided for any child prior to their teachers arriving. Until such time as a teacher arrives the responsibility of the students is that of the parents.

There will be **NO** parking in Brown Road for any vehicles during rehearsals and performances. It will be staffed by Newcastle Entertainment Centre traffic controllers, security and Waratah Police. These rules are enforced by police and security and fines may apply to those not adhering to them.

Students can be dropped off via the following procedures;

- Parents are encouraged to walk their performers to their supervising teachers. They must park either in the NEC designated car park or find alternative parking in the Police Citizens Youth Club area, District Park or on Curley Road, and proceed by foot to the Newcastle Entertainment Centre.
- Parents are encourage to use the Curly Rd entrance as well as the Brown Rd entrance to access the Showgrounds by foot if meeting students for drop off and pick up.
- Parents wishing to just drop performers off before the show will be allowed into Brown Road to use the designated kiss and ride zone. No parking is allowed.

Primary School pick up and drop off

Primary school drop off and pick up will be on the grassed area between the NEC and the centre ring. Schools will be arranged within this area from A – Z. Supervising teachers will meet and dismiss students from this designated area only. Schools will provide signage to identify their location.

High Schools

High School pick up will be near the grandstands that are located near the Curly Rd entrance. Schools will be arranged within this area from A – Z. Supervising teachers will meet and dismiss students from this designated area only. Schools will provide signage to identify their location.

Parents picking up performers after the shows will not be allowed to park in Brown Rd.

NEC Private Vehicle Parking

The following arrangements will apply to all parents' patrons using private motor cars and wishing to use the NEC car park:

- Parents and patrons coming to watch the performances are encouraged to park in the Newcastle Showground. A \$10 fee will apply. Entrance to the carpark is via Griffiths Road.

Please note the NEC car park will be free for parents for drop off and pick up on Thursday 13 June 2019 however, will incur a \$10 fee for Friday 14 and Saturday 15 June 2019.

Bus Travel

Those schools traveling to and from rehearsals and performances by bus please see your school for drop off and pick up procedures as these will differ from those outlined in this document.

Personal Belongings

Please ensure all students have their names on everything! No money or valuables should be brought to the venue or left in bags. *Star Struck* holds no responsibility if items are lost or broken.

Tickets

Tickets for *Star Struck* 2019 No limits can be purchased through Ticketek on 49212121.

Tickets go on sale on Thursday 4 April 2019 at 9am.

Tickets categories and prices are as follows;

VIP seating - \$55.10

A reserve - \$51.10

B Reserve – \$39.10

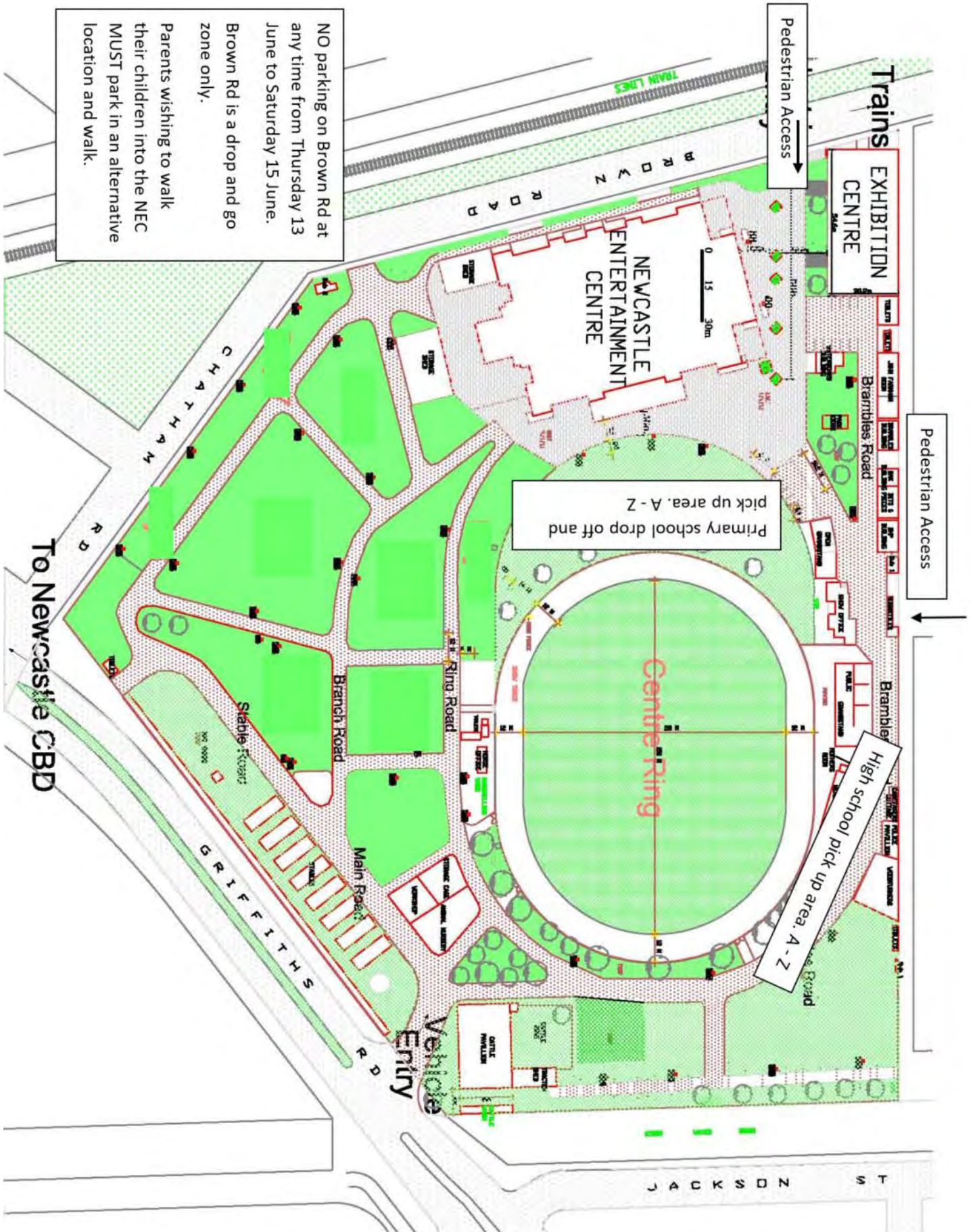
Concession (Available in A and B reserve sections only) - \$39.10

NEC Venue Map

Please see venue map attached for access, drop off and pick up points.

Thank you for your continued support of *Star Struck* and for allowing your child to be part of an amazing performing arts opportunity.

We look forward to seeing you at the show!



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Trivia Night Fundraiser

Saturday 11th May 2019
Trivia Starts 6:30pm

New Lambton Community Centre
14 Alma Rd New Lambton

Tickets \$10 (10 people per Table)

Book at Trybookings <https://www.trybooking.com/BBXUR>
Email treasurer@huntersingers.com or Phone 0409536847

Guessing Competition

Raffles

Games

100s Club

Tea & Coffee

Cakes

BYO Drinks & Nibbles