

Dear Trebles and Parents,

I hope the New Year has started well for you and that you have enjoyed the holidays. This letter gives some important details about our events for 2020. It will be another great year and I can't wait to share it with you.

Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles rehearsals will commence at Merewether High School on Tuesday 4 February. Hunter Trebles will rehearse from 5.00-6.30pm in KM1. Trebles should arrive at rehearsal each week by 4.50pm and enter through the Chatham Road entrance at the front of the school.

Please print the program on page 2 of this document on coloured paper and place it in a prominent position in your home. You should also put the details into any diaries or calendars you keep as a family. Refer to it when organising work rosters and family outings. There are likely to be some additions and these will be advised as soon as possible. I will also send email updates and reminders to the email address on the completed Google form (link on page 2 of this letter).

New members are always welcome to come and try a rehearsal. If you have any friends or family who might be interested, please encourage them to come along or visit [huntersingers.com](http://huntersingers.com) to register interest.

### SCHOOLS TOUR

Hunter Trebles will be working with two local schools in workshops on Monday 10 February. They will travel in a minibus driven by Regional Arts Coordinator, Heather Williams, and accompanied by Kim Sutherland. The Trebles will perform some songs from their 2019 repertoire and then workshop with the school choirs to showcase the beautiful Hunter Trebles sound. Trebles should meet Kim at Merewether HS Chatham Road entrance at 8.45am. They will return to Merewether HS at the end of the day, ready for pick up at 3.00pm.

### HUNTER IN CONCERT

An exciting new event will be held in 2020 – *Hunter In Concert*, to be held on Wednesday 8 April at Newcastle City Hall. The concert will feature Hunter Singers, Hunter Trebles, the Hunter Wind Ensemble, the regional choir for the Secondary Choral Concert, and the Newcastle premiere of Matthew Hindson's *Electric Rain*, which Hunter Singers and the Hunter Wind Ensemble premiered in the Sydney Opera House in September last year. There will also be items from regional schools. It promises to be a wonderful event and will be the first of the Hunter Singers subscription concerts for 2020. Hunter Trebles will perform a bracket of songs in the concert. Their sound check will be at 4-5pm at Newcastle City Hall. The concert will start at 7pm and conclude by 9pm.

### SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT SERIES

We have a 3-concert subscription program this year, with concerts at Newcastle City Hall and Adamstown Uniting Church. The dates are **Wednesday 8 April, Sunday 28 June and Sunday 29 November**. You have an opportunity to buy a subscription to all three concerts at reduced cost. Subscriptions are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/BIAMV> - \$65 adults, \$55 concession, \$25 children. Please promote the concerts to your family and friends. These three concerts are the most important dates on the Hunter Singers 2020 calendar, so please make sure these dates are free. Those who have purchased subscription tickets will receive the passes prior to the first concert. Individual concert tickets are \$27 adults, \$22 concession, \$10 children, so there are considerable savings in buying subscriptions.

### UNIFORM

The Hunter Trebles uniform is the purple Trebles shirt and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fireworks shirt. These T-shirts are \$20 each. They will also receive their T-shirt for the Festival of Choral Music later in the year if the group is successful with their audition for this program. They also need black dress pants and polished black leather shoes and black socks. Please ensure that all uniform items are the correct size. As Trebles outgrow their uniforms, they can purchase additional pieces, and sell their second hand uniform back to the clothing pool for half price. These pieces may then be purchased from the clothing pool for a reduced rate.

## PARENTAL ASSISTANCE AT REHEARSALS

We are hoping for support from parents to assist with afternoon tea at rehearsals on Tuesdays. If enough people are able to help, it would only be once per term or semester. It involves setting up and clearing away afternoon tea drinks and a snack for both Trebles (5.40pm) and Singers (6.10pm). We also need assistance with uniform sizing in the lead up to performances. There is a question in the Google form regarding your willingness to assist. Based on the responses, we will draw up a roster and advise you of your date.

## FEES & PERMISSION SLIPS

Individual accounts will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks from the Hunter Singers Treasurer, Lynne Kentish. Payment details will be provided on your account. The 2020 annual fees are \$400 for the first family member and \$380 for additional family members. If any family would like to pay by term installments, please email [treasurer@huntersingers.com](mailto:treasurer@huntersingers.com) or see Lynne at rehearsal on the first Tuesday back.

Please complete the 2020 Registration Google form with Term 1 permission note with medical information: <https://forms.gle/K85wxiBVReW5yKiQA>

I am really looking forward to seeing you on 4 February as we prepare for what looks to be another exciting year.

Cheers,

Charissa Ferguson  
Conductor, Hunter Trebles  
26 January 2020

## HUNTER TREBLES 2020 PROGRAM

TERM 1	
Tuesday 4 February	Hunter Trebles First weekly rehearsal at Merewether HS, 4.30-6.30pm
10 February	Hunter Trebles Schools Tour with workshops. Meet at Merewether HS at 8.45am, pick up at 3pm
Thursday 2 April	Star Struck Launch at Westfield Kotara Time TBA (late afternoon or evening)
Wednesday 8 April	<b>Hunter Singers &amp; Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 1</b> <i>Hunter In Concert</i> at Newcastle City Hall. Rehearsal and sound check 4-5pm, Concert 7pm. Tickets \$27/\$22/\$10
TERM 2	
Tuesday 28 April	Hunter Trebles First weekly rehearsal for Term 2 at Merewether HS, 5.00-6.30pm
Friday 8 May	Star Struck Massed Choir rehearsal – Hunter Trebles and Hunter Singers in Massed Choir
Friday 5 June	Star Struck Massed Choir rehearsal – Hunter Trebles and Hunter Singers in Massed Choir
Thursday 11 June	Star Struck Technical Rehearsal, 7.30am-6.00pm
Friday 12 June	Star Struck matinee, 9.30am-1.30pm. Star Struck night performance, 6.00pm-10.00pm
Saturday 13 June	Star Struck matinee, 1.00pm-5.00pm. Star Struck night performance, 6.00pm-10.00pm
Sunday 28 June	<b>Hunter Singers &amp; Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 2</b> Adamstown Uniting Church, Rehearsal 12noon-3pm, Concert 4pm Tickets \$27/\$22/\$10
TERM 3	
Tuesday 21 July	Hunter Trebles First weekly rehearsal for Term 3 at Merewether HS, 5-6.30pm
Saturday 8 August	Workshop Day 8.30am – 4pm, Catalina Conference Centre, 171 Dorrington Road, Rathmines
Date TBA	Regional rehearsal for Festival of Choral Music
Tues 18 August TBC	Hunter Singers Inc AGM, 6.30pm at Merewether HS Learning Centre
Friday 21 August	Participation in Festival of Choral Music, Sydney Town Hall
TERM 4	
Tuesday 13 October	Hunter Trebles First weekly rehearsal for Term 4 at Merewether HS, 5-6.30pm
Sunday 29 November	<b>Hunter Singers &amp; Hunter Trebles Subscription Concert 3 -</b> Adamstown Uniting Church, Rehearsal 12noon-3pm, Concert 4pm Tickets \$27/\$22/\$10
Date TBA	Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles Schools Tour
Tuesday 8 December	Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles auditions
Thursday 10 December TBC	Star Struck Carols at Westfield Kotara
Tuesday 15 Dec TBC	Performance at Hamilton Gardens