

Choir Commitments

In accordance with the agreed Memorandum of Understanding between St Andrew’s, Brighton Grammar and Firbank Grammar Schools the information below outlines the commitments for Choral Scholars.



Understanding of St Andrew’s Choral Services:

<p>ESSENTIAL SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday • Palm Sunday • Maundy Thursday • Good Friday (2 Services) • Holy Saturday • Easter Day (2 Services) • ANZAC Day Service* • Patronal Festival/ St Andrew’s Day* • Remembrance Day Service • Advent Carols • Christmas Eve Carols • Christmas Day (2 Services) 	<p>OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • during school term including lead up to Christmas • excluding mid-term break weekends • 6pm Evensong (2nd & 4th Sundays of the month) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • during school term including lead up to Christmas • excluding mid-term break weekends • ANZAC Day Service*
*depends on when this Service falls in the calendar	

Attendance Commitments:

<p>ESSENTIAL SERVICES - Compulsory attendance by <u>all</u> St Andrew’s choristers</p>	<p>ROSTERED DAY OFF (RDO) - ONLY AVAILABLE ON <i>OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Sunday as advised per semester all treble and alto Choral Scholars only • 1 Sunday as advised per semester all tenor and base Choral Scholars only • 1 Sunday per semester – each choral scholar by mutual prior arrangement with Director of Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranged absences taken on first come first serve basis • Not accumulated if not taken (no rainchecks) • Wednesday rehearsal prior to any RDO must still be attended
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TIERRED COMMITMENT

	School Years 4-6	School Year 7-10	School Years 11-12
Release from Choral Scholarship			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12s released from Choral Scholarship Program on 2nd Sunday in September
School Term Rehearsals Note: Holy Week/Easter rehearsals scheduled as required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45mins Monday afternoon– 4pm at St Andrew’s • 90mins Wednesday evening - 7-8:30pm • 45mins before Essential Services • 45mins before Other Sunday Services • Required Holy Week/Easter & Christmas rehearsals • 120mins once a term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90mins Wednesday evening – 7-8:30pm • 45mins before Essential Services • 45mins before Other Sunday Services • Required Holy Week/Easter & Christmas rehearsals • 120mins once a term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90mins Wednesday evening – 7-8:30pm • 45mins before Essential Services • 45mins before Other Sunday Services • Year 11s - Holy Week/Easter & Christmas rehearsals • Year 12s - Holy Week/Easter rehearsals
Release pending VCE exam		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday prior to a Monday or Tuesday VCE exam • Wednesday prior to a Thursday or Friday VCE exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday prior to a Monday or Tuesday VCE exam • Wednesday prior to a Thursday or Friday VCE exam
Essential Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full attendance

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Other Sundays RDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDO per Semester: 1 Sunday as advised 1 Sunday as mutually arranged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDO per Semester: 1 Sunday as advised 1 Sunday as mutually arranged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDO per Semester: 1 Sunday as advised 1 Sunday as mutually arranged
Release for nominated School programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School productions, although the Schools will endeavour to schedule rehearsals outside Program commitment times where possible • BGS Annual Music Camps • School Outdoor Education Programs • School Service Programs • Other events as mutually agreed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School productions, although the Schools will endeavour to schedule rehearsals outside Program commitment times where possible • BGS Annual Music Camps • School Outdoor Education Programs • School Service Programs • Other events as mutually agreed • Wednesday night debating • FGS Year 8 Rowing • BGS Year 9 Connors Run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School productions, although the Schools will endeavour to schedule rehearsals outside Program commitment times where possible • BGS Annual Music Camps • School Outdoor Education Programs • School Service Programs • Other events as mutually agreed • Wednesday night debating

Codes of Choir Conduct:

1. Punctual arrival – 10 mins before scheduled start time to allow an on-time start with all present.
2. No talking during rehearsals or services – listen to the Director and always maintain good quality behaviour. With an understanding that the duration and conclusion of the rehearsal depends upon the punctual arrival of all Choral Scholars and the corporate behaviour during the rehearsal.
3. Observe and maintain the correct posture when either sitting or standing throughout the rehearsal or service.
4. Phones are not to be seen or heard during rehearsals, services or whilst choristers are robed outside the Choir Vestry.
5. Abide by the Parish Code of Conduct, as found at www.standrewsbrighton.org.au/resources

Choir Dress Code:

- Choir dress - cassocks and surplices, together with a ruff or cravat, are supplied and should be worn correctly.
- Clean, polished black or brown school shoes are to be worn.
- Black socks or tights are to be worn with robes. No coloured or white socks.
- Black or school-grey trousers, leggings, or skirts with black tights are to be worn under robes. No jeans or light-coloured tracksuit pants. Lightweight trousers are recommended for summer. If the temperature is forecast to be 30°C or above, shorts may be worn with long, black socks.
- Hair must be neatly combed and, where applicable, boys must be cleanly shaven. If hair is longer than shoulder-length, it should be worn brushed and neatly tied back.
- All belongings, such as socks, shoes, jumpers and drink bottles must be taken home and not left in the Choir Vestry.
- Casual clothes may be worn for Wednesday evening rehearsals.