



# Croydon Hills Primary School

## Choir

### Rationale

The choir will provide an extension of the music program through an exploration of choral work. It will also allow students to perform before an audience and further extend their self-confidence.

### Policy Statement

Students will be placed in an environment in which they may discover the beauty of choral music and the joy and creativity of ensemble singing.

Students will be given the opportunity to perform as a choir in such situations as leading assemblies, community service events, competitions, fundraising and festivals.

Through a program of rehearsal, memorising, interpreting, and performing music as part of a strictly controlled group students will be encouraged to develop self-discipline and teamwork.

Students will be given the opportunity to progress from unison singing through two-part work into areas of multi-part, unaccompanied and unconduted choral music to the fullest extent of their talent.

Students from years 3 to 6, will be selected for the choir through an audition process. If viable a second choir of interested students will be formed for pleasure and non-competitive performances.

### Implementation

The choir will rehearse twice weekly, one session before school and one at lunchtime. An attendance roll will be taken and children and parents will be required to sign a contract promising an ongoing commitment to the group. See Appendix 1.

### Review

Part of the school's cyclic process

### Appendix

Contract for families to sign. Appendix 1-Choir Appendix 2- Performing Arts



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Appendix 1

## CHOIR

Dear Parents,

Congratulations!! Your child has successfully auditioned for a place in the choir. I now need your support in insisting that they be committed to attending all rehearsals punctually and regularly and learn the material for all performances. It is therefore necessary to think carefully about this commitment and talk with your child before signing the contract below.

Rehearsals will take place on Monday lunchtimes and Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. starting on ..... and members will be required to be at all rehearsals and involved in all performances. In order that we can maintain a professional standard in our choir it is imperative that the students' behaviour and focus at rehearsals and performances is of the highest standard. If there are any problems in this area, they will be replaced by someone who is prepared to fit in with the choir criteria.

Undesirable behaviour, lateness or continued absence may jeopardise your child's place in the choir. Notes explaining absences from choir are required.

The choir is a fantastic extra-curricular opportunity for children to perform in a large group doing something that they love. I look forward to working with your child in the choir. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns/queries. It is important that it be a positive experience for everybody.

Thank you for your support,

Kathryn Lane  
Music Co-ordinator



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Please keep this letter for your information and sign the attached slip.

I have read the attached letter and discussed the level of commitment with my child. My child will be punctual and reliable members of the choir and provide a note if absent or late for any reason. My child will attend all performances as required. My child understands that if he/she misses a rehearsal without an excuse more than once he/she will be replaced.

Child's name:.....Year:.....

Child's signature:.....

Parent/guardian signature:.....

Parent/Guardian contact numbers:.....

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## Appendix 2



Date of excursion/performance

### TITLE OF EVENT

Dear Parents,

Students have been invited to ( ) at the ( )

**Include all relevant general details above**

#### **In summary:**

Date:

Leaving School:

Returning to school:

Mode of transport:

Cost: \$

Form and money returned to me .....

Clean, neat school/choir uniform to be worn

Snack, lunch and bottle of water in a small bag/backpack to be carried with student all day

Students must attend every rehearsal in preparation for this event in order to be considered to participate. If they participate in this extra-curricular activity, they must behave according to the CHPS behavior code. If they do not adhere to these guidelines, parents will be phoned immediately and asked to collect their child from the excursion.

Please read this information carefully and then sign the attached form.

Thankyou,

Kathryn Lane



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I, the undersigned, hereby provide consent for the named student to participate in .....

I, the undersigned also agree that the named student will be available and present on all rehearsal dates (and any other dates reasonably required)

I, the undersigned agree that my child will behave according to the CHPS behaviour management plan and that I will collect them from the excursion if deemed necessary by the teacher in charge.

Name of parent/guardian.....Signature:.....