



**Samson**  
Primary School

## Massed Choir Festival 2017

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP THIS NOTE HANDY!**  
It contains everything you need to know about this event.

### **At a Glance** please read whole note!

- **Cluster Rehearsal:** Tue 8<sup>th</sup> August, Leave Samson PS 8:40am for Churchlands Senior High School Concert Hall. Return to school approximately 1:00pm.
- **Workshop:** Mon 11<sup>th</sup> September, Leave Samson PS 8:50am for Churchlands Senior High School Concert Hall. Return to school approximately 2:00pm.
- **Performance Rehearsal:** Wed 13<sup>th</sup> September, leave school at 4:50pm for Perth Concert Hall.
- **Concert:** Wed 13<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30-9:00pm at the Perth Concert Hall. **NOTE:** There is **no return bus trip** from the concert. Parents are to take students home from the Perth Concert Hall.
- **Cost per student:** \$30 (Note will go home term 3). **DO NOT PAY YET!**
- **This note** is available on the school website.
- **Tickets will be available from AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **New UNIFORM requirements** – please read below
- **Practise** the songs at home using the website – [www.massedchoirfestival.org.au](http://www.massedchoirfestival.org.au)

Password for the student page is 'carpetofsilver'

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child is taking part in the Massed Choir Festival at the Perth Concert Hall. This is a prestigious event where primary schools join together to form a choir of over 400 voices. This is the first year for it to be held at the Perth Concert Hall.

**Costs:** The cost per student, which contributes to the cost of the transport and festival fees, will be **\$30**, payable near the start of Term Three. A permission form will go home with these details. Please wait until you receive the note, before making payment. There are also tickets to be purchased for parents, family and friends. They will be available online from August 7<sup>th</sup>. More details will go home at the start of Term 3. Information may also become available on the parent page of the Massed Choir website.

### **Rehearsals and Practising**

There is a lot of preparation to get ready for this event. The selection of songs is at a high level for primary students. Choir rehearsals are held at school every Wednesday at 1:10-1:50. Students can practise the songs at home using the Massed Choir Festival Website. Go to [www.massedchoirfestival.org.au](http://www.massedchoirfestival.org.au) (if you Google Massed Choir Festival it will be the first link) and go to the student page. The password is **carpetofsilver**. There are lyrics, music and choreography for the songs. We are a **Side 1** school so all of our music is on the **left** side (in purple writing). There are also two workshops during school time before the performance date.

Here are the finer details for the workshops and concerts. Keep this note in a handy place. If you lose this note you will be able to find it on the Samson Primary School website.

### **Cluster Rehearsal: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 8:40am-12:30pm**

The choir will attend a workshop with other participating schools at the **Churchlands Senior High School Concert Hall**. The bus will leave school at 8:40am (Please do not be late) and return by approximately 12:30pm.

Please: (For Cluster Rehearsal on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August)

- Bring a drink bottle of **water** (no sticky or flavoured drinks)
- Wear your best school uniform
- Bring your best voice and manners

### **Rehearsal Workshop: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 8:50-2:00**

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The day before the big concert there will be a workshop with conductors Mirelle Hopwood and Mary-Anne Goyder at **Churchlands Senior High School Concert Hall**. The bus will be leaving school at **8:50am**. Please do not be late. We will return to school by 2:00pm.

Please:

- Bring **morning tea** and **lunch** in a small plastic bag (no school bags) – No nuts
- Bring a drink bottle of **water** (no sticky or flavoured drinks)
- Wear your best school uniform
- Bring your best voice and manners

### **Full Dress Rehearsal/Concert: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 4:50-9:00pm**

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A bus will be leaving Bull Creek Primary School at **4:50pm sharp**. Please do not be late. Students will attend a full dress rehearsal before the concert.

The concert starts at **7:30pm**. This year, seating is reserved (see ticketing below)

**There will be no return bus.** Parents will take their children home following the concert. If you are unable to attend the concert then you will need to arrange transport for your child.

Please:

- Eat an early dinner before you get to Samson at 4:50pm
- Bring a bottle of **water** (again, no sticky drinks!)
- Wear **choir uniform** – **see below**
- Parents - don't forget to take your star performer home after the concert!

### **Choir Uniform – New for 2017!**

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The school will be making our students a choir neckpiece. These will be loaned to students for the concert.

**You will need to provide:** White buttoned collared shirt/blouse (long or short sleeves, not polo), long black pants, black socks, black shoes. No nail polish or jewellery. Long hair to be tied back with blue ribbon.

### **Costs, Permission Slips and Tickets**

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The cost per student, which contributes to the cost of transport and festival fees, will be **\$30**. Tickets will start selling online from August 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will go home in term three.

### **Photography/DVD**

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The concert will be professionally filmed and available to purchase on DVD. An order form will go home during term three.

**If you do not wish your child photographed or filmed then they will not be able to take part in the festival.**

The Massed Choir Festival is prestigious event, a highlight of the year. It is truly amazing how good all of the schools sound when they come together.

If you have any queries, please contact me. I am at school Monday-Wednesdays or you can email me at [timothy.marshall@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:timothy.marshall@education.wa.edu.au).

Thank you for your support,

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