



Samson
Primary School

Massed Choir Festival 2019

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

At a Glance please read the whole note!

- **Cluster Rehearsal:** Wed 28th August, Leave Samson PS 11:10am for Churchlands Senior High School. Return to school approximately 3:00pm.
- **Workshop:** Fri 20th September, Leave Samson PS 8:40am for Perth Concert Hall. Return to school approximately 2:00pm.
- **Performance Rehearsal:** Mon 23rd September, leave school at 4:45pm for Perth Concert Hall.
- **Concert:** Mon 23rd 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:** \$22.50 DO NOT PAY until the billing envelopes have been sent home.
- **This note** is available on the school website.
- **Tickets will be available from AUGUST 19th**
- **Choir UNIFORM requirements** – please read below
- **Practise** the songs at home using the website – www.massedchoirfestival.org.au

Password for the student page is 'percy'

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 450 voices.

Costs: The cost per student, which covers the cost of transport, will be **\$22.50**, payable soon when the payment envelopes and permission slip go home. 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 19th. See attached note – Ticket Sales.

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 second Wednesday at 8:30-9:20. Students can practise the songs at home using the Massed Choir Festival Website. Go to 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 **percy**. There are lyrics, music and choreography for the songs. We are a **Side 2** school so all of our music is on the **right** side (in green 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: Wednesday 28th August, 11:10am-3:00pm

The choir will attend a workshop with other participating schools at the **Churchlands Senior High School Concert Hall**. Students will eat an early lunch before the bus leaves school at 11:10am. We will attempt to return to school by end of day, but likely won't get back until 3:00pm.

Please: (For Cluster Rehearsal on Wednesday 28th 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: Friday 20th September, 8:40-2:00

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 8:40am.** Please do not be late. We will return to school by 2:00pm.

Please:

- Bring **morning tea** and in a small 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: Monday 23rd September, 4:45-9:00pm

A bus will be leaving Samson Primary School at 4:45pm 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 form "Ticket Sales")

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 4:45pm
- 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 – IMPORTANT!

We will loan a choir neckpiece.

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 a blue ribbon.

Photography/DVD

The concert will be professionally filmed and available to purchase on DVD and other formats. See attached order form.

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.

Thank you for your support,

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