



# JUNIOR CHOIR

Greetings! My name is Ben Neil and I am the classroom music teacher here at Runcorn Heights State School. Aside from the fact that I love music so much, I'm excited to be teaching music at our school and just as excited to offer the opportunity for your child to participate in the junior choir.

Junior choir is available for all students from Year 1 and Year 2. It is designed to be a fun way for students to engage in music in a way that is interactive and teaches all kinds of musical and social skills. We plan to perform the songs we learn for other students in the school and for our surrounding school community. Following the success of last year, we will be performing at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod once again to further develop our performance skills and join with other schools in making beautiful music!

Practices for junior choir will be held **in the hall @ 7:30am on Tuesdays and at lunch time in the music room on Thursdays.** We will start in week 3 of term 1 (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2<sup>nd</sup> break).

**Students involved are expected to attend all rehearsals and bring an A4 display folder and a pencil.** There is no cost involved in participating; however, the Beenleigh Eisteddfod trip (in term 3) will cost around \$10 per student. Payment for this is not due until later in the year and a letter and invoice will be issued closer to the time of the event.

The dress code for performances will be the school formal uniform, white socks and black shoes. It is also expected that your child attends choir for the whole year. This ensures we have a full sounding choir for all of our performances and it teaches students about commitment and team work.

We will be communicating upcoming events in a variety of places including the school newsletter, emails, text messages, the QSchools app and of course good old fashioned paper notes. These messages may include information about what we're singing, important dates coming up or even cancelled rehearsal times. If you do not already have the QSchools app on your smart phone or tablet, please download it as important school messages are also sent as push notifications.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please return the permission slip below to the music room or to the office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Neil  
Classroom Music Teacher

Jacqui Jones  
Deputy Principal

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## Junior Choir Permission Slip

Please return to the office, or to Mr Neil in the music room (Modular building next to the hall).

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Your name) \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (Your child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ to be a part of the Junior Choir in 2019. I am aware that my child is required at every practice and will be present at all performances. I have discussed this with them and will supply them with a folder and pencil.