



Runcorn Heights State School

SENIOR CHOIR

Greetings! My name is Ben Neil and I am the classroom music teacher 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 Senior Choir.

The Senior Choir is available for all students from Year 3 to Year 6. 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, our surrounding school community and even attend a massed choir event later in the year with other schools in Brisbane.

Practices for Senior Choir will be held in the music room on Monday mornings before school at 7:30am and on Wednesdays at 2nd break. We will meet at 2nd break on Wednesday 13th February to sign up and hand out notes and rehearsals will commence the following week on Monday morning and Wednesday lunch time.

Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and bring an A4 display folder and a pencil. There is no cost involved in participating, however, the SingFest massed choir excursion (year 4 – 6 students) will cost around \$20, including registration, travel and afternoon tea. We will also attend the Beenleigh Eisteddfod (year 3 – 6 students), which should cost around \$10. These payments are not due until later in the year and a letter and invoice will be issued closer to the events.

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 students learn 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 don't hesitate to contact me. Please return the permission slip below to the music room or to the office as soon as possible.

Yours in music,

Ben Neil
Classroom Music Teacher

Jacqui Jones
Deputy Principal

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Senior Choir Permission Slip

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

(Your name)

(Your child's name)

I _____ give permission for _____ in class _____ to be a part of Senior 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.

Signature: _____

Date: _____