



# Bellinggen Public School

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## Opera House Excursion 2022 The Bennelong Concert Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> - 7- 9.30 pm

Dear parents,

Your Child has been selected to take part in the Festival of Choral Music, to be held in the Sydney Opera House. This is a Public Schools initiative and involves around 28,000 lucky children from NSW. There are four concerts in the Festival, and we will perform in the Bennelong Concert on Wednesday October 19.

On March 1, Mrs Cavanagh and I received a congratulatory note, (complete with confetti) from Ian Jefferson, the Chief Conductor. He trusts we will bring a great choir to Sydney as we have been doing since 2004. Over 400 students have accompanied me to the Opera House and it is an unforgettable experience. This year is even more exciting as the Opera House has been renovated and has superb acoustics and spectacular interiors. Parents are urged to save up for a Sydney trip and come and see their children sing. We do not sing as a lone choir, but one of 700 voices. As the year progresses and you have children singing and practicing at home, you will know most of the repertoire, which makes the experience even more lovely.

It is intended that we travel to Sydney by coach and stay at Aspire Hotel in Ultimo. I will be taking an extra teacher and two parent helpers on the excursion.

The cost of the excursion will be approximately \$477, which will cover accommodation, travel, meals and include some Sydney adventures. Please consider paying this in instalments throughout the year so that it doesn't take you by surprise in term 4.

A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is required by 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022, to secure your child's place in the Opera House Choir 2022. This covers all the work the Arts Unit Staff do in preparing teachers, information, student involvement, hire of the Opera House etc, a song book, CD and a T shirt.

You need to discuss with your child the Stage 3 Excursion to Lake Keepit which is also a wonderful opportunity.

Your child's participation in this event will be subject to them attending weekly rehearsals and exhibiting exemplary behaviour both in choir and at school during the year. Our school values this excursion. Participation in the Opera House Choir is part of the Gifted and Talented Programme at our school, giving children with special singing skills and a love of singing, extension opportunities.

Children will be required to practice the songs using the rehearsal CD or online MP3 recordings at home. Please encourage this and enjoy their dedication and fresh voices. There will be a number of performances throughout the year that this choir will also feature in. We travel out into the community as great ambassadors for Bellinggen Public School.

Your child's involvement in this choir will be rewarding as we explore challenging repertoire and gain further vocal confidence. The performance in the Opera House is awesome both for performers and their parents and I encourage you to seize this opportunity!

A more detailed note will follow in April.

I look forward to working with this wonderful group of singers. If you have further inquiries, please contact me on 0403686267 or email me at [elizabethanne2222@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethanne2222@gmail.com)

Elizabeth Scott  
Choir Teacher

Elizabeth Mulligan  
Relieving Principal

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I consent to \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Participating in the Festival of Choral Music to be held in the Sydney Opera House on Wednesday October 19, 2022.

I have enclosed \$50 cash as payment of the non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 to secure my child's place in the choir.

I have made a POP payment of the non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 to secure my child's place in the choir.

POP receipt number \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in being a supervising parent on this excursion and understand that I will incur similar costs as my child.

My best email address to send updates and information including recordings and activities for my child is \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the school with your deposit by 1st April, 2022.