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OPERA HOUSE CHOIR 2024 13th August – 15th August

Information Note #1 and Deposit Payment

Dear Parents,

Your child has been rehearsing to take part in the Festival of Choral Music 2024, to be held at the Sydney Opera House. This is a Public Schools initiative and involves around 28,000 lucky children from around NSW. There are four concerts in the festival, and we will perform in the **Barangaroo Concert on Wednesday August 15th, in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House**. The excursion has the support of our principal and will be an amazing experience to savour for life.

We will travel to Sydney as a group and will be staying at the Ibis Budget Sydney East in Darlinghurst. Activities have been organised during our stay in Sydney – please see pricing information for more details. Parents are welcome to attend the concert on Wednesday 14th August at 6:30pm.

To confirm your child's attendance on this excursion, please pay a non-refundable deposit of \$50 and return the permission note on the attached page. You will also need to return the permission note and payment for a local school's cluster rehearsal at **Boambee Public School on Tuesday 11th June**. Please see the next page for information about the cluster rehearsal.

The estimated cost of the Opera House excursion is \$338 per student.

This price covers:

- Return transport by train from Urunga to Sydney Central.
- 2 nights accommodation at Ibis Budget Sydney East in Darlinghurst.
- Dinner and Karaoke at Strike Darling Harbour on our first night.
- A visit to Taronga Zoo (including a trip on the ferry), prior to our rehearsal at the Sydney Opera House.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout the trip, excluding on the train journey home. Students will need an envelope with money for lunch and dinner on the return train journey as this is not included in the excursion cost.
- Transport around Sydney on ferries and trains.
- \$30 participation fee in the Festival of Choral Music.

To assist families with the cost of the excursion, an application for school assistance can be made via an appointment with the Principal. Please contact the office to arrange. Periodic payments can be made throughout the year to assist families with budgeting.

If you are planning to come to see your child sing, tickets become available **on Wednesday 3rd July at 9am for this concert**. There are 700 families all trying to get tickets on the same day and concerts often sell out on that day so mark this date in your diary. I will send a reminder closer to time with details of the link to buy tickets.



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MEDICAL AND DIETARY INFORMATION

Once your child's place in this choir is confirmed, another note will follow to collect important information about your child's medical and dietary requirements.

CLUSTER REHEARSAL – Tuesday 11th June

Students involved in the Opera House Choir will travel to **Boambee School Hall on Tuesday 11th June**. The purpose of the excursion is to rehearse with other local schools who will also be participating in the Opera House Performance in Sydney. The day is vital, and children are required to attend.

The Chief Conductor, Ian Jefferson, will be working with the singers on this day. The day promises to be a vocal workout as he has high expectations. He is an accomplished composer and conductor and will help us get the very best from our voices and the songs.

The cost of the excursion is \$21 which covers the bus and an accompanist fee.

The bus will depart from school at 9:05am and will return by 3.00pm. Please ensure students are at school by 8:50 so that we have time to board the bus.

The students will be supervised by Miss Whitmill.

All students will need to bring a water bottle, morning tea, and lunch and will be required to wear full school uniform, including a hat. There will be no canteen available so please send a thorough packed lunch as we will be unable to purchase any food.

Key dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 11th June - Cluster Rehearsal at Boambee PS. We will travel to and from the rehearsal by bus.
- Wednesday 3rd July – ticket sales open for parents to attend the concert
- Tuesday 13th August: students depart Urunga Station at 6:52am and travel by train to Sydney
- Wednesday 14th August, 6:30pm: students perform in the Barangaroo Concert at the Sydney Opera House
- Thursday 15th August, students travel by train from Sydney, arriving at Urunga at 8:24pm


Isabelle Whitmill
Choir coordinator


Ness Cavanagh
Principal