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Dear Parents/Guardians

CHORAL PROGRAM 2019

In 2019, the St Margaret's Music Department will trial a new Choral Program structure. The intention of the restructure is to encourage participation, whilst also providing opportunities to build excellence. The 2019 proposed Choral Program structure will operate as follows:

SERENATA Rehearsal Time: Tuesday 1:15-1:45pm Venue: Chaseley Music Room	Serenata is a choir open to all students in Years 2 and 3. Whilst not compulsory, students in Years 2 and 3 are encouraged to join and discover the joy of singing as part of a larger group and build their auditory processing skills.
BELLE VOCI Rehearsal Time: Monday 1:15-1:45pm Venue: Chaseley Music Room	Belle Voci is a choir open to all students in Years 4 and 5. Again, whilst not compulsory, students are encouraged to continue to develop their vocal abilities in a group setting.
PRIMARY CHORALE Rehearsal Time: Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm Venue: Chaseley Music Room	Primary Chorale for 2019 will be open to all student in Years 5 and 6. This choir will no longer be an auditioned choir; however, it will require a higher level of commitment than Belle Voci and provides students with the opportunity to explore more complex repertoire. Students will still be required to sing a short excerpt to Ms Brennan during audition week (second last week of Term 4) to ascertain the student's ability and place them on the appropriate vocal part in the choir. (Year 5 students who wish to sing in Primary Chorale, must also be members of Belle Voci, Year 6 students in Primary Chorale are also encouraged to participate in Elevarsi Voices).
ELEVARSI VOICES Rehearsal Time: Monday 3:30-4:30pm Venue: Arts Centre Foyer	Elevarsi Voices will be a choir open to all students in Years 6 – 8. This will be a good opportunity for students in Year 6 to build relationships with students in the Secondary school. Students in this choir will learn a wide variety of repertoire; however, there will be an emphasis on fun, contemporary pieces.
ENCORAH Rehearsal Time: Thursday 3:30-4:30pm Venue: Sister Helen Orchestra Room	Encorah will be a choir open to all students in Years 9 – 12 (non-auditioned). This choir will continue to perform a wide variety of repertoire; however, students will have the opportunity to explore a wider range of genres whilst further developing vocal technique.
EXULTATE Rehearsal Time: Thursday 4:30-5:30pm Venue: Sister Helen Orchestra Room	Exultate will be an auditioned choir for students in Years 9 – 12 and will showcase students who are singing at a high standard. Students who are in Exultate must also be members of Encorah.

We hope that many girls in the St Margaret's community will avail themselves of the opportunity to sing in a choir. There is much evidence to suggest that singing in a choir can enhance a student's wellbeing and provide them with a strong sense of connectedness with others in the school community.

Please feel free to contact the Music Department with any questions you may have in relation to the above changes.

Kind regards

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