



15 June 2017

Dear St Margaret's Community

The St Margaret's Music Department is very excited to once again provide the opportunity to become a member of the St Margaret's Community Choir. You do not need any previous music experience – everybody is welcome! We are hoping to have a broad spectrum of people involved including parents, family friends, staff, old girls and current students, and also hope to have a mix of female and male voices.

The choir will be conducted by our very talented choral director, Ms Regina Brennan, who has a wealth of choral experience. She has worked at the Westminster Abbey School in London as choral conductor, vocal coach and music director and has also been heavily involved with the Australian Girls' Choir as a conductor and vocal coach. Ms Brennan has been at St Margaret's since 2011 and currently conducts Serenata, Primary Chorale and *Encorah*, and is the Primary Music Teacher.

The choir will perform at the School's annual Choral Concert to be held at the end of Term 3 on Tuesday 12 September. The choir will also be invited to participate in the massed finale performance of Leonard Cohen's, *Hallelujah*, to be given at *Classics in the Cathedral* on Tuesday 15 August. This is always a very special event in the School's music calendar.

The choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings in the lead up to the performances in the Arts Centre Drama Room (V101). The Drama Room is located on the lowest level of the Arts Centre and can be accessed via the stairs in the Arts Centre Foyer.

The rehearsal schedule will be as follows:

Rehearsal 1:	Thursday 27 July	6:00pm - 7:00pm (Drama Room)
Rehearsal 2:	Thursday 3 August	6:00pm - 7:00pm (Drama Room)
Rehearsal 3:	Thursday 10 August	6:00pm - 7:00pm (Drama Room)
Classics in the Cathedral - Tuesday 15 August		7:30pm - 9:00pm (St John's Cathedral)
Rehearsal 4:	Thursday 17 August	6:00pm - 7:00pm (Drama Room)
Rehearsal 5:	Thursday 31 August	6:00pm - 7:00pm (Drama Room)
Rehearsal 6:	Thursday 7 September	6:00pm - 7:00pm (Drama Room)
Choral Concert	Tuesday 12 September	6:30pm - 8:00pm (Eton Hall)

There will be a small one-off fee of \$20 to cover costs involved in putting the choir together. This payment can be made by cash upon arrival of the first rehearsal.

Being involved in a choir has been shown to improve one's well-being and sense of connectedness with others, and I believe it will be a positive experience for all involved. I look forward to joining you in this musical endeavour!

Yours sincerely

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