



## *Primary Schools Music Festival AGM Report 2024*

### *Choir Teacher/HPI Representative*

2024 was another eventful and successful year for choir teachers and HPIs. Throughout the year, my role has involved:

- supporting new choir teachers – both at conferences and with emails throughout the year. Sitting with the new CTs and checking in at both Term 1 and Term 2 conference.
- offering strategies and reminders via the PSMF Family Facebook page
- sharing parent letters for Magic Millions and the Festival Theatre excursions/concerts
- reminders via social media of meetings and deadlines
- responding to emails
- attending every board meeting and Q and A sessions hosted by the team
- supporting choir teachers at the Festival Theatre and Magic Million concerts.

After conferences, rehearsals and concerts I collect feedback from students, choir teachers and HPIs and bring this back to the board. It was fabulous to have the majority of feedback in 2024 being positive with an evident buzz from many students and teachers after the ‘big’ concerts. The amount of work that choir teachers and support staff undertake to organise these events is often unseen but is valued and appreciated by the PSMF. I would especially like to acknowledge the many country schools, especially the teachers, for going above and beyond to give their students the Festival experience - some of who travel for a half a day just to attend. Also the many HPIs involved in the festival who travel each week from school to school to support choir programs across the state.

Credit to the entire PSMF team for making yet another festival season one of excitement and support for both students and adults involved. Every year brings new experiences and opportunities for student involvement (hosts, orchestra, troupe, drummers, signers, guest artists, etc) and it was a privilege to have the extra excitement of the Governor General attending the final concert. Congratulations to everyone involved.

I will be stepping down as Choir Teacher and HPI Representative this year. I would like to thank all the members of the Board, who have been involved in my time in the role, for their support, friendship, laughter and guidance. It has been an interesting and valuable experience to see the festival from a different perspective. I look forward to the new experiences that the 2025 ‘Stars in the Arena’ will bring.

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CT/HPI Representative