

Primary Schools' Music Festival AGM Report
Choir Teacher/HPI Representative

After being elected as the CT/HPI representative in 2022 I introduced myself to the PSMF community via the weekly sway due to COVID disrupting the first conference. Throughout the year, I supported several teachers via phone and email with questions, new procedures and those struggling to have choir sessions due to COVID restrictions still in place at their school. I attended every board meeting either in person or via zoom as well as the majority of the Q and A sessions hosted by the team.

At the Term 2 conference, I supported the team by greeting the PSMF community, sitting with and supporting new choir teachers throughout the conference. As 2022 was a year of many new changes, there were also many other questions from all choir teachers regarding the new look concert series. I either answered these questions or directed them to the person who could assist them.

At the offsite rehearsals and then during the Festival Concerts I had the benefit of being able to support Choir and Support Teachers in my role as CT/HPI Rep and as a concert manager. There were many questions throughout these weeks with new concert day processes and then the unexpected public holiday. I must commend the Concert 9 teachers, students and families who were rescheduled for their flexibility and resilience. I must also congratulate the entire PSMF team of leaders and coordinators for their utmost professionalism and dedication to the students and teachers when thrown a new curveball so late into the concert preparations. I was fortunate to hear many positive comments regarding the Festival Concerts from teachers, parents and audience members, many commenting on the scale of the concerts, and how they had not expected the calibre of what they saw.

Overall 2022 was a challenging year for many choir teachers and students but one that finished with success, triumph and a sincere sense of achievement. In my new role as CT/HPI representative I have gained new skills and was able to see and be involved in another branch of the PSMF tree. I would like to thank the board for all their support and the entire PSMF community of teachers and HPIs. I look forward to a hopefully smoother 2023 and another year of high quality PSMF achievements.

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