

Info for Choir/Support Teachers given at MM

Welcome!

Who's new? Ask questions!

Your concert manager details below. Please contact them, with any questions.

Email is best unless it's urgent.

If you're phoning, please leave a message. Most of us do not answer unknown numbers.

Concerts 1, 3, 6, 8, 10 - Kendall Hurst – 0418 814 995 kendall.hurst472@schools.sa.edu.au

Concerts 2, 5, 7, 11 – Lesley Raeside – 0407 898 171 lesley.raeside621@schools.sa.edu.au

Concerts 4 & 9 – Nathan Hamdorf – 0414 252 969 nathan.hamdorf948@schools.sa.edu.au

No filming/photography at Festival Theatre rehearsal or performance.

Emergency contacts – If you haven't completed mobile number for you, a 2nd person and someone from leadership – please email anne.odea839@schools.sa.edu.au

*******Backstage Concert Stewards*****– the link for your sign on is in this update.**

Thanks for committing to this, remember it is part of your affiliation agreement. It can be any staff member from your school. You will get an email before the start of week 8 re your allocated job and instructions. 😊

It is part of schools' affiliation agreement to provide at least 1 person.

We will be using the Banquet Room as the choir rehearsal room as we did in 2022 as The Space is being used for The Guitar Festival.

Choir Arrival and dismissal information will be sent to all choir/support teachers with the Festival Theatre production information at the end of week 6. All dismissal spots will be inside the foyer.

Please read the weekly update – we can see how many emails have been opened!

Merchandise is available for purchase/collection through the QKR! App – Primary Schools Festival of Music. Supplementary orders can be made with the form from the website via square.

Parents can order through QKR!

Coloured Wristbands \$2	Shoelaces \$3	PSMF Lanyards \$4	
Lead pencils \$1	Microphone \$3	18cm Teddy \$18	Stickers \$1
Choir Bag \$7.50	PSMF Umbrella \$25	Program \$7.50 (theatre)	
Mazzi Macaw \$12 (theatre)			

Families can purchase show bags at the Theatre. Photos orders can be printed directly at the theatre before and after the concert. Seen Studios (formerly Treasured Memories). Online order available also.

Students can wear a PSMF wristband on stage – great for fidgeting.

Complimentary ticket voucher codes have been distributed to schools. 2 per school.

- They are for you or social inclusion / school card holders/thankyous
- Unique codes are to be used and they still attract the booking fee
- Info about ticket sales - \$9.55 booking fee per transaction doesn't matter how many tickets.

Ticketek sends all ticket holders info and parking instructions.

Remind families about heavy traffic and make sure parents allow enough time to get there and park. Maybe suggest if they are parking in the Festival car park that they tap their card in and out to avoid long queues at the pay station.

SECURITY PASSES (Orange for TIC and Blue for support staff) are in your pack.

You **MUST WEAR AT ALL TIMES AT Festival Theatre.**

You should only need 1 person per 10 students as you arrive and for the dinner break (approx.. 4:45pm – 6:15pm)

Helpers will not be needed backstage unless they're doing a duty

1:1 Carers must also have a pass (you can get them from me after this meeting)

Others coming for duty of care for transport can go straight to door 1 to watch the rehearsal. Anyone accompanying your choir is required to wear their school badge (Staff/Volunteer) please.

NO food and drink (water ok) in the FT auditorium.

CAR PARK PASS

We are being charged for the TPG again this year and we're passing on that cost.

Car Park pass is \$25 or 2 for \$45 – can be used for entire concert series.

Teachers/helpers at FT will need to organise how they are getting home

Choir row expectations – sent in an update and on the website.

Please make sure your students know their row and position number at FT.

Row 1 is 30 and other rows are 34

Label your students. (E.g., A32/S1) template for stickers is in the Production Info.

Give reminder to students about dress code

- Check t shirt (if not ordered) – sleeves, neckline, length
- Hair off the face Boys too! No high buns please!
- Row 1 all black below t shirt All trousers (not leggings) no skirts.
- Rows 2/3 & ends of all rows shoes & socks can be dark and can be leggings
- Dark skinned students should not be at the end of a row (even if they're tallest) as they can't be seen easily.
- Head scarves any colour and **plain** please.
- We'll sort out any problems as they arise at FT – may rearrange depending on how the on-stage choir looks

You may like to run a full-dress rehearsal and sing at assembly/peers/JP/Kindy

All people backstage (children/adults) are to wear closed in shoes at all times (rehearsal and performance). Staff must wear closed in shoes as you will be doing a backstage tour and an evacuation walk through.

Be aware of your footwear, particularly if the sun is shining!

Once students are on stage - the whole row needs to be in before they can sit.

Mobile phones are NOT to be taken on stage. Please collect from your students. Diabetics ok (on silent)

Short students may need something to stand on – they are kept side stage – all to help monitor this at FT.

Soloists/choreography leaders:

- Instructions have already been sent to soloists/choreography leaders and schools.
 - Please read if you have one.
 - If you have a soloist performing on another concert, please touch base with families.
 - FT rehearsal is compulsory for all soloists.

Hosts will be rehearsing at all rehearsals.

As well as The State of The Arts, the Troupe will also be performing in: 8 flags in Beautiful Creatures, Dancers in Impossible is Possible and all in Waterloo/Thank you for the Music. The National Anthem has signers (not C#6). Rhythmic Rumlbers at the beginning of the show and into Beautiful Creatures. The orchestra will play the Tetris Theme and Abba Medley as their standalone pieces.

You must also have a roll as part of your duty of care.

Our stage door is the John Bishop Door at the end of the foyer past the Quartet Bar (map with FT Production info).

We will have stewards at this door. Near the big LCD screen.

We will be able to use FT foyer toilets on arrival and during the break. Please monitor students when they are going to the toilet and check inside too, please. The Elder Park Café toilets too can be used on arrival.

2 x medical forms (and plans if required) to be brought to FT – template in Production section of website.

Group form for media permissions – email to me or the office before FT – it's very time consuming if we must spend time chasing these up – and we will!

First Aid...tell your parents what happens and where their child may be at the end of a concert if they are not with their choir. (First Aid Station will be on stage and Dressing Room 5. You will be shown it during the Cook's Tour).

If you are unsure of where a student is, please see the Concert Manager.

Asthmatics *must* bring their medication to rehearsals and performances in pocket/sock or give to Medical Steward.

Other medication kept by teacher at rehearsal and given to medical steward at performance.

It is our general position that students who miss F/T rehearsals should not perform on stage, however, teachers should use their discretion regarding this (e.g., a student who misses a rehearsal for an appointment/funeral could perform at night, but a student who is ill, shouldn't).

Please communicate clearly with the Choir/Support teacher from another school if you are sharing a row, and/or a reserve from their school is involved.

All students (every concert) need to know what happens in an evacuation.

Students in Wheelchairs - documents have been given out. Please let us know ASAP if this changes. Remind that all students with additional needs require a 1:1 carer.....if they couldn't manage in an evacuation.

Do you have any? – Let us know ASAP ☺ Carer's pass will be needed.

If we have organised to have a student in a low row for a particular reason, can you please email to confirm this.

Self-protect if using dressing rooms and toilets.

No parents will be backstage.

Remind students about preparing themselves appropriately for concert and rehearsal by having adequate meals especially breakfast. Teach them the tricks of wiggling toes, tensing muscles etc. Tell them it is normal to feel nervous; they can control it if mentally prepared.

Talk to students about how they react after the curtain has come down. We know they will be excited but please contain that excitement until we are back in the Banquet Room, and we will celebrate then.

Please, no cheering and squeals after the curtain is down – very unprofessional for performers.

Talk to students about how their parents should behave in the theatre – encourage good audience manners!

Certificate set up will be sent digitally for you to print your own.

Stars on Stage – Are we waiting for yours? Friday 23/08 is the last day!!!

We are all getting very excited and are looking forward to another fabulous concert series. 😊