



The South Australian Public Primary Schools' Choir

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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The **“South Australian Public Primary Schools' Choir”** (The SAPPS Choir) is now receiving expressions of interest for 2020 membership through an audition process.

The SAPPS choir

- is the showcase choir for Public Primary Schools.
- provides an opportunity for talented singers in Year 5, 6, and 7 who enjoy singing and performing, and challenging and extending their vocal skills and techniques.
- sings a wide variety of repertoire and provides many performance opportunities beyond that offered in most schools.
- is the main recording choir for the Festival of Music CD's and resources.

The Conductors are Cathy Lange and Gaby Freer

Cathy Lange is the Assistant Director of Music for the Festival of Music and has been the conductor of the SAPPS Choir since 2016.

Cathy taught music at Pulteney Grammar School for 18 years and was Musical Director of The Adelaide Boys Choir for 20 years.

For about 17 years, Cathy held various roles in the Junior Schools Choral Festival, including conducting and co-ordinating the event.

Gaby Freer has taught children's choirs for many years. She takes Junior Choirs, Senior Choirs and is on the assessment team for Festival of Music. She is also the choral director of Holy Names Choir.

She is a passionate music teacher, currently working as a Music Education network field officer for The Department's Music Strategy, and a mentor through the National Music Mentoring Program. She is the current SA Branch President of the Kodaly Music Association.

Rehearsals

We rehearse at Unley Primary School every Monday during the school term, from 4.30 – 6.00pm. There are no rehearsals when public holidays fall on Mondays.

There is an overnight music camp in February. Recording of the Festival of Music CD in Term 4, takes four days during a school week with a couple of additional rehearsals for those who are selected.

Costs involved in the SAPPS Choir

Fees this year were \$190 - great value for money as it is a fraction of the cost of most children's community choirs. Any change in costs for next year will be minimal.

Financial assistance may be available to eligible students. (eg. Social justice issues or Country travel)
School Card reduced rates were \$140 this year.

There is a music levy of \$30.00 to be paid at the beginning of the year and refunded in full when all music is returned in good condition.

The camp will cost about \$125.

Performance uniform

The uniform is a bright coloured polo shirt, embroidered with the SAPPS Choir logo, (approx. \$34), smart long black pants, black socks and black shoes. The shirts are bulk ordered at the start of the year. The rest you purchase yourselves.

Performances

We usually perform at least 10 times throughout the year at various events/venues around Adelaide.

Auditions

Entry is by audition only.

If you your child would like to participate in the audition process, they can do so, on either

Wednesday 6 November or Tuesday 12 November

at Unley Primary School, in the Music Room, (a Bluestone Villa), 210 Wattle Street, Malvern.

The half hour times available are:

4.00pm - 4.30pm
4.30pm - 5.00pm
5.00pm- 5.30pm

There is a maximum of 10 students per half hour audition. Cathy and Gaby will lead some group warm-ups and exercises to test vocal range then ask the students to sing 'Happy Birthday'. We aim for the process to be very straightforward and non- threatening.

There will be a quick parent chat while we audition the students.

Your child needs to bring his/her best singing voice and a drink of water.

As there are only limited audition places you are encouraged to make the most of this opportunity.

**To book an audition Scan the QR Code or
visit <http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au/the-sapps-choir.html>**



Kind Regards,

Deb Hepworth
Administrator