

Celebration Sing Out! 2026

Frequently Asked Questions for Primary Choirs

Please visit csme.org.au/green-room for the updated information

Updated arrangements may be communicated closer to concert day, 1st November

- **When and where do we rehearse?**

We will consult with teachers about suitable dates and venues for a rehearsal with some other schools. There will possibly be a day at a Central Coast location and another in Sydney.

Attending one of these days is helpful for the students, but not essential. The rehearsals will be videoed, and those videos placed in the Green Room for easy access.

- **When and where are we performing?**

It is wonderful to be performing in Sydney Town Hall again in 2026. The Town Hall is at 483 George St, Sydney. This is a busy but exciting day!

Final rehearsals to "put everything together" on the day will start mid-morning in the Lower Town Hall.

The concert begins at 4pm on Sunday 1st of November and concludes at 6:30pm. Primary choir is on stage for the first half of the concert and some individual and small group items will be performed in between our sets of songs.

If necessary, we use the gallery to seat the choir in addition to the body of the hall.

Students need to be in Year 3 or above as it is a long day and very tiring for younger ones.

- **What do students do in the second half of the concert?**

In the 2nd half of the concert, the primary choir will be seated in the front rows of the Town Hall to join with the TOPS Orchestra and Secondary and Adult choir in "I still Call Australia Home", from The Boy From Oz".

- **What do you and your choristers wear?**

White plain top, collared or a simple t-shirt is fine, but not a sleeveless shirt. Black or dark blue long pants (might be part of school uniform) or a skirt with black opaque tights.

Black shoes should be worn if possible.

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Choir teachers who want to sing on stage sit at the end of the rows on the steps, also wearing white tops and black or dark blue pants/skirts.

Teachers are welcome on stage.

It's good to have adults close to the children and to sing with us all.

If teachers prefer to watch from the audience that is fine too.

Everyone always looks great.



- **How do we buy tickets?**

Tickets are available online, and this will be advertised later in Term 1, with Family and Concession tickets.

Hardship Provisions

If you are aware of someone experiencing hardship and would otherwise be unable to see their child perform, please contact Lois Donnelly with your request. A limited number of "Guest" tickets have been bought for this purpose by donors.

Tickets are also available at the door but purchasing ahead saves queuing.

Seating is "general admission", not allocated, so first in best seated.

- **What time do we need to be at the Town Hall on concert day?**

Mid to late morning, but the exact time will be confirmed once arrangements have been finalised.

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- **What do parents do on the day?**

Parents are not permitted in the Hall until the concert, except with approved special circumstances and permission. We recommend that they enjoy a day in the city and come back for the performance.

Foyer doors open at 3:15pm and concert hall doors open at 3:30pm.

Some schools may prefer to bring the students to the Town Hall as an excursion group.

- **What do the students need to bring?**

A bag with good quality nutritious snacks and lunch, a bottle of water and a jacket to wear after the concert is over. One snack can be eaten in the Square between St Andrew's Cathedral and Sydney Town Hall prior to entering the Town hall and another for lunch. Students are asked to take their own rubbish home.

- **How can I make sure my students are concert ready?**

Try some of the warmups from the website.

Encourage the children to use the online resources for home practice. They can share with family members if they wish!

Know the words and parts by heart.

Practise standing straight, looking at the conductor and the into the distance over the audience, with hands relaxed by sides, no turning around, fidgeting, touching hair etc.

Part 1 or Sopranos will be seated on one side of the stage (LHS as you face the stage or LHS in the gallery), Part 2 or altos on the other side (RHS as you face the stage or in the RHS gallery).

The CSO! 2025 Risk Assessment and Insurance details are available on the Green Room landing page, along with The Town Hall Emergency and Evacuation Policy.

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