

# NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

## 2018 CHORAL PROGRAM for NECOM INSTRUMENTAL STUDENTS

*If you can sing it, you can play it!*



Choral singing brings invaluable benefits to instrumental students' development as singing is one of the best ways to develop aural and general musical skills including: Intonation, Phrasing & Breathing, Ear Training & Sight Reading, Expression, and Rhythm.

NECOM's comprehensive choral training program offers 5 choirs that rehearse on Monday or Wednesday afternoons. The program, based on the Kodaly method, is led by outstanding conductors and accompanists and features:

- Sequential 3-tiered choral program for students in Kindergarten to Year 12 – open to all, no auditions
- Extension Choirs (Cantilena Chorale + New England Singers Chamber Choir) – enrolment only after audition
- Rehearsals and Concerts with a focus on Australian repertoire

Choral Program 2018		
<b>Minisingers</b>	Kinder - Year 2	Wed 4.00pm – 4.45pm in F.03
<b>Cantilena</b>	Year 3 – Year 6	Wed 4.00pm – 5.00pm in Auditorium
<b>Cantilena Chorale</b>	Year 3 – Year 6	Wed 5.00 – 5.30pm in Auditorium
<b>New England Singers</b>	Year 7 – Year 12	Mon 4.00pm – 5.15pm in F.03
<b>NE Singers Chamber Choir</b>	Year 7 – Year 12	Mon 5.15 – 6.00pm in F.03

To encourage NECOM's instrumental students to maximise these music training benefits by joining a NECOM choir, a special fee discount of \$20/term off the standard choral fee will be offered, making it affordable to enrol.

Choral Program	Fee	Options
Minisingers, Cantilena and New England Singers	<b>\$105</b>	Standard
	<b>\$140</b>	Late Payment Fee
Extension Choirs – Enrolment only after audition		
Cantilena Chorale & NE Singers Chamber Choir	<b>\$50</b>	Standard
	<b>\$85</b>	Late Fee

Deadlines for Payment Options 2018				
<b>Standard</b>	Fri 23/2	Fri 18/5	Fri 10/8	Fri 2/11
<b>Late Fee</b>	Payment after Standard Fee deadline passes			
<b>NB. In 2018, there is no Early Bird option for this program</b>				

### 2018 Calendar for Rehearsals & Concerts

**Keep this calendar handy and enter the dates for rehearsals and concerts into your family diary now to avoid clashes.**

The Choral Program provides 8-10 weeks of rehearsals, in addition to pre-concert rehearsals and performances.

<b>TERM 1</b>	
<b>MONDAYS: New England Singers &amp; NE Chamber Choir</b> 9 Rehearsals: 5, 12, 19 & 26 February; 5, 12, 19 & 26 March; 9 April	<b>WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena &amp; Cantilena Chorale</b> 10 Rehearsals: 7, 14, 21 & 28 February; 7, 14, 21 & 28 March; 4 & 11 April
<b>TERM 2</b>	
<b>MONDAYS: New England Singers &amp; NE Chamber Choir</b> 8 rehearsals: Wed 2 May (Not Mon 30 Apr); 7, 14, 21 & 28 May; 4, 18 & 25 June	<b>WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena &amp; Cantilena Chorale</b> 8 rehearsals: 2, 9, 23 & 30 May; 6, 13, 20 & 27 June
<b>Armidade Eisteddfod Choral Events: Tuesday 15 May @ Lazenby Hall, UNE / Wednesday 16 May @ NECOM Auditorium</b>	
<b>New England Singers Choral workshop @ Richard Gill &amp; Sydney Chamber Choir: Wednesday 16 May</b>	
<b>Cantilena Choral workshop: Wednesday 16 May</b>	
<b>TERM 3</b>	
<b>MONDAYS: New England Singers &amp; NE Chamber Choir</b> 10 rehearsals: 23 & 30 July; 6, 13, 20 & 27 August; 3, 10, 17 & 24 Sept.	<b>WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena &amp; Cantilena Chorale</b> 10 Rehearsals: 25 July; 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 August; 5, 12, 19 & 26 Sept
<b>Winter Choral Concert (all choirs): Wednesday 22 August @ 6.00pm, NECOM Auditorium</b>	
<b>TERM 4</b>	
<b>MONDAYS: New England Singers &amp; NE Chamber Choir</b> 7 Rehearsals: 15, 22 & 29 October; 5, 12, 19 & 26 Nov	<b>WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena &amp; Cantilena Chorale</b> 7 Rehearsals: 17, 24 & 31 October; 7, 14, 21 & 28 November
<b>New England Sings!: Saturday 20 &amp; Sunday 21 October, Lazenby Hall, UNE</b>	
<b>Christmas Choral Concert (all choirs): Wednesday 28 November @ 6.00pm, NECOM Auditorium</b>	

## 2018 CHORAL ENROLMENT INFORMATION for NECOM INSTRUMENTAL STUDENTS

This is an important summary of our Enrolment Policy. Please read carefully and file for future reference.

### Enrolment Terms & Conditions

- Programs are designed for the full year of sequential activities and it is assumed that enrolment is for the full year unless cancellation in writing is received 4 weeks before the start of each term (refer to 'Cancellation of Enrolment' details below).
- To activate enrolment, all students MUST complete the new 2018 Enrolment & Payment form.
- After the 2018 enrolment form is processed, invoices for Terms 2, 3 and 4 will be sent automatically 4 weeks before each term.
- It is the responsibility of the Account Holder (parent/guardian) to notify the NECOM Office of any changes to their contact addresses and student enrolment details as soon as these details change.
- NECOM reserves the right to suspend/cancel enrolments if accounts remain outstanding (individual payment plans excluded).
- Accounts that remain unpaid are sent to appropriate agents for recovery. If recovery/legal action is undertaken, the Account Holder (parents/guardians/student) will be responsible for all expenses in relation to the collection of the out-standing amount including, but not limited to, all charges and fees, legal costs on an indemnity basis, and disbursements.
- Relevant NECOM policies and directions apply to parents/guardians/students. These policies may be varied at times by NECOM and up to date copies can be obtained upon request to NECOM.
- It is the parents' responsibility to ensure their child is delivered and collected punctually to the choral rehearsals. NECOM does NOT take responsibility for supervision of a child outside the lesson time and venue.
- Whilst all care is taken, NECOM accepts no liability for thefts, damage, accidents or injuries that may occur whilst on NECOM premises.

### Term Fee Payment Dates & Options

Refer to Table of fees and payment dates overleaf. NB: If your fee payment/instalment payment is not received in full or part by week 4 of each term, NECOM reserves the right to cease or suspend lessons.

#### Payment Options

- o Standard fee Pay by Friday of Week 3 in each term (Fri 23 Feb in Term 1, 2018)
- o Late Payment fee of \$35 Standard Payment deadline missed incurs an additional late penalty of \$35

NB. In 2018 there will be no Early bird option for the Choral Program for instrumental students

#### Instalment Payment Plan

Pay term fee by instalments - contact NECOM office to agree on a payment plan

### Rehearsal Attendance Policy: Terms & Conditions

#### Late Commencements, Missed Rehearsals & Refunds

- New students who enrol after the beginning of the term will be given a pro-rata reduction in tuition fees.
- Rehearsals missed will NOT receive a refund under any circumstances.
- In exceptional circumstances (e.g. serious prolonged illness or accident with a doctor's certificate), a request for credit or a refund must be made in writing by post or email (admin@necom.org.au) to NECOM.
- An administration fee of \$25 will apply if a credit or refund is approved due to exceptional circumstances.

### Cancellation of Enrolment & Withdrawal from program

- Programs are designed for the full year of sequential activities and it is assumed that enrolment is for the full year.
- If you decide to stop being in the choir, you must cancel your enrolment and withdraw from the annual program.
- To cancel your enrolment you must:
  - o Notify NECOM office in writing (mail or email [admin@necom.org.au](mailto:admin@necom.org.au)) at least 4 weeks before the start of each term.
- If you do not cancel your enrolment, you will be automatically invoiced for your continuing enrolment and must pay the term fee.
- A telephone call, text or casual conversation with the choral conductor does not constitute an official written notification to NECOM administration of your cancellation of enrolment.
- Failure to attend rehearsals does not constitute cancellation, withdrawal or deferment and fees will remain payable.
- If you do not give written notice to cancel your enrolment before the first week of the term, you will be liable to pay the full term fee.
- A credit or refund may be approved on a written appeal to the Director - an administration fee of \$25 will apply,

### Fee Payment Options

If payments are not received in full or part by week 4 of each term, NECOM reserves the right to cease or suspend enrolment.

- o Standard fee Pay by end of Week 3 in each term
  - o Late fee of \$35 Late penalty of \$35 is added to Standard Fee after Wk.3 payment deadline has been missed
- Pay Full Year in Advance Pay full year in advance and receive a 5% discount on annual fee. Refunds granted for withdrawals giving 6 weeks' notice less NECOM discount given.
- Other Payment Options Instalment Payment Plan or Bursary Assistance - contact NECOM office