

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

2020 CHORAL PROGRAM



The New England Conservatorium is one of the leading regional centres for choral excellence in Australia. Its sequenced training program for students from Kinder to Year 12 nurtures outstanding young choristers, many of whom win selection in the prestigious Gondwana National Choral School every year. The comprehensive Choral Program is led by experienced and inspirational conductors and accompanists who encourage a love of singing and performance in a non-competitive environment. Rehearsing on Monday or Wednesday afternoons, the program features:

- A tiered choral program for students in Kindergarten to Year 12 – open to all, no auditions
- Extension Choirs (Cantilena Chorale + New England Chamber Choir) – enrolment only after audition during Term 1
- Concerts including the Armidale Eisteddfod, Winter, Christmas concerts and the choral spectacular *New England Sings!*

Choral Program 2020		
Minisingers	Kinder - Year 2	Wed 4.00pm – 4.45pm in F03
Cantilena	Year 3 – Year 6	Wed 4.00pm – 5.00pm in G31
Cantilena Chorale	Year 3 – Year 6	Wed 5.00 – 5.30pm in G31
New England Singers	Year 7 – Year 12	Mon 4.00pm – 5.15pm in F03
New England Chamber Choir	Year 7 – Year 12	Mon 5.15 – 6.00pm in F03

2020 Calendar

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 rehearsals/term in addition to pre-concert rehearsals and performances.

TERM 1

MONDAYS: New England Singers & NE Chamber Choir 10 Rehearsals: 3, 10, 17, 24 February; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March; 6 April	WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 10 Rehearsals: 5, 12, 19, 26 February; 4, 11, 18, 25 March; 1, 8 April
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TERM 2

MONDAYS: New England Singers & NE Chamber Choir 10 rehearsals: 27 April; 4, 11, 18, 25 May; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June	WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 9 rehearsals: 30 April; 6, 13, 20, 27 May; 3, 10, 17, 24 June
Choral Eisteddfod 26-27 May,	
Cantilena Choral workshop: Wednesday 27 May	

TERM 3

MONDAYS: New England Singers & NE Chamber Choir 10 Rehearsals: 20, 27 July; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August; 7, 14, 21 Sept	WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 10 Rehearsals: 22, 29 July; 5, 12, 19, 26 August; 2, 9, 16, 23 Sept
Winter Choral Concert (all choirs): Wednesday 26 August @ 6.00pm, NECOM Auditorium	

TERM 4

MONDAYS: New England Singers & NE Chamber Choir 7 Rehearsals: 12, 19, 26 October; 2, 9, 16, 23 Nov	WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 7 Rehearsals: 14, 21, 28 October; 4, 11, 18, 25 November
New England Sings!: Rehearsal 17 October, Performances 18 October, Lazenby Hall	
Christmas Choral Concert (all choirs): Wednesday 25 November @ 6.00pm, NECOM Auditorium	

Program Fees 2020– Term Payment Dates

Choral Program	Fee/Term	Options
Minisingers, Cantilena and New England Singers	\$125	Early Bird Discount
	\$135	Standard
	\$170	Late Payment Fee
Extension Choirs – Enrolment only after audition		
Cantilena Chorale & NE Singers Chamber Choir	\$75	Early Bird Discount
	\$80	Standard
	\$115	Late Fee

Deadlines for Payment Options 2020				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Early Bird Discount	Fri 31/1	Fri 24/4	Fri 17/7	Fri 9/10
Standard	Fri 14/2	Fri 15/5	Fri 7/8	Fri 30/10
Late Fee	Payment after Standard Fee deadline passes			

2020 CHORAL ENROLMENT INFORMATION

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 2020 Enrolment & Payment form.
- After the 2020 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 choral rehearsal session 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 Early Bird Discount of \$10

o Standard fee

o Late Payment fee of \$35

Pay by the Friday before term starts and get a \$10 discount (Fri 31 January for Term 1, 2020)

Pay by Friday of Week 3 in each term (Fri 14 Feb in Term 1, 2020)

Standard Payment deadline missed incurs an additional late penalty of \$35

Family Discount * new for 2020

For families with two or more family members enrolled in NECOM programs.

Instalment Payment Plan

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

Pay Full Year in Advance

Pay full year's fees in advance by the Early Bird deadline for Term 1 (Fri 31 January 2020) and receive an additional discount of 5% off the annual fees. The refund for withdrawal will be calculated on 6 weeks' notice + the initial NECOM discounts given + *administration fee.

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

- 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) 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,