

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

2022 CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHOIR 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 Children's & Youth Choir 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 2022		
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

2022 Calendar

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

The Children's Youth Choir 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: 31 January, 7, 14, 21, 28 February; 7, 14, 21, 28 March; 4 April	WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 10 Rehearsals: 2, 9, 16, 23 February; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March; April 6
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TERM 2

MONDAYS: New England Singers & NE Chamber Choir 8 rehearsals: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May; 6, 20, 27 June	WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 10 rehearsals: 6 April; 4, 11, 18, 25 May; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June
Choral Eisteddfod 25-26 May	
New England Sings! Primary Workshop 26 May	

TERM 3

MONDAYS: New England Singers & NE Chamber Choir 11 Rehearsals: 18, 25 July; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August; 5, 12, 19 Sept	WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 10 Rehearsals: 20, 27 July; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August; 6, 7, 14, 21 Sept
Winter Choral Concert (all choirs): Wednesday 24 August @ 6.00pm, NECOM Auditorium	

TERM 4

MONDAYS: New England Singers & NE Chamber Choir 7 Rehearsals: 10, 17, 24, 31 October; 7, 14, 21 Nov	WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 6 Rehearsals: 12, 19, 26 October; 2, 9, 16 November
New England Sings!: Rehearsal 22 October, Performances 23 October, Lazenby Hall	
Christmas Choral Concert (all choirs): Sunday 27 November @ 4pm	

Program Fees 2022– Term Payment Dates

Choral Program	Fee/Term	Options
Minisingers, Cantilena and New England Singers	\$135	Early Bird Discount
	\$145	Standard
	\$180	Late Payment Fee
Extension Choirs – Enrolment only after audition		
Cantilena Chorale & NE Singers Chamber Choir	\$85	Early Bird Discount
	\$90	Standard
	\$125	Late Payment Fee

Deadlines for Payment Options 2022				
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Early Bird Discount	Fri 4/2	Fri 6/5	Fri 29/7	Fri 20/10
Standard	Fri 25/2	Fri 27/5	Fri 18/8	Fri 10/11
Late Fee	Payment after Standard Fee deadline passes			

2022 NECOM TERM DATES (based on NSW Public school terms)

(NECOM) Term 1, 2022 31.01.2022-08.04.2022	Term 2, 2022 26.4.2022-01/07.2022	Term 3, 2022 18.07.2022-23.09.2022	Term 4, 2022 10.10.2022-20.12.2022
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2022 CHORAL ENROLMENT INFORMATION

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

Enrolment Terms

- Programs are designed for the full year of sequential activities, and it is assumed that enrolment is for the full year i.e. 4 public school terms.
- To activate enrolment, all students must have completed NECOM's enrolment form.
- Invoices will be sent to account holders approximately 3 weeks before each term commences.
- Term invoices will be automatically sent unless a formal withdrawal has been received with the minimum 4 weeks' notice period.
- It is the responsibility of the Account Holder (parent/guardian/student) to notify the NECOM office of any changes to their contact details.

Payment 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 Plans** - NECOM offers family payment plans, please contact NECOM office for an application form
- **Early Bird Discount** - NECOM offers a \$10 early bird discount per student per program when fees are paid in full by early bird date
- **Family Member discounts** - NECOM offers family member discounts for second and subsequent siblings at \$10 per sibling (for instrumental tuition only)
- **Pay in Advance discount** - NECOM offers a pay in advance discount of 5% on annual fees paid in advance

Lesson Attendance Policy, Late Commencements, Missed Lessons & Refunds

- New students who enrol after the beginning of the term may be entitled to a pro-rata reduction in tuition fees.
- Parents/students must give a minimum of 48 hours' notice to their teacher if they cannot attend a lesson so an alternative time can be negotiated. This includes lessons missed due to school activities (eg. carnivals, excursions) or other events.
- Lessons missed with less than 48 hours' notice, or without notice, will not be given a make-up lesson and are not eligible for a refund or credit.
- A make-up lesson may be made up at the discretion of the teacher if the student fell ill or had an accident on the day and it was not possible to give notice to the teacher.
- Makeup lessons will be offered at the teacher's discretion by offering two alternative lesson times – if the parents/student do not take up either of the alternative times, the makeup lesson is forfeited.
- 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 to NECOM.
- Fees are due by week 4 of each term, after which time a late fee may be charged. NECOM reserves the right to suspend or cancel enrolments if accounts remain outstanding.
- 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.

Withdrawal Policy

- Notification to withdraw or defer lessons must be made giving a minimum of 4 weeks' notice to admin@necom.org.au
- A telephone call, text or casual conversation with your teacher does not constitute an official written notification of your cancellation of enrolment.