16th February 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Your child has shown an interest in being part of the Catholic Schools Music Festival (CSMF) this year, which will be held at the FESTIVAL THEATRE for 4 nights in September. This is an amazing opportunity for your child and will be a wonderful experience. They will be singing with approximately 400 students on the large stage of the main theatre.

The performance dates are:

(Term 3 Week 10) Monday 26th September to Thursday 29th September.

Even though we will be performing on one of these days, you must keep all these dates free. Please check your diaries.

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 2:25 – 3:10pm. The choir is a commitment from Term 1 through until the end of the performances in Term 3.

The cost to participate in the choir is $45. This fee will cover the cost for the students to participate in this event including song books, rehearsal CDs, transport to out of school rehearsals, and registration fees.

Attached are 2 forms:

1. A consent form for production of a DVD and publication of photographs. This form will be forwarded to the Catholic Education Office. If you have any concerns about this form please come and see me. If the form is not signed, your child will not be able to participate on the night.

2. A commitment form to be signed by the student and the parent/carer.

Please return these forms with the fee to the office by Monday 29th February. Your child will not receive a choir book or CD until the fee has been paid in full.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at school (Tuesdays and Thursday mornings) or email me at mharald@ihm.catholic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,

Melanie Harrald
CHOIR DIRECTOR
Catholic Schools Music Festival 2016

Parent Consent Form

I, __________________________ (Parent/Caregiver), have read the introduction letter regarding the Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir and have:

- Discussed the commitment required of my child in taking part in the choir.
- Have noted the dates (26th to 29th September) and understand that each of these nights must be kept free until the final date of the performance is released in Term 2.
- Understand that a fee of $45 is required to help cover the cost of each student’s own songbook, CD, bus fees, and registration costs.
- Understand that rehearsals will be run on Tuesdays from 2:25 – 3:10pm, and that any work missed out on in class will need to be made up in the student’s own time.

Signed: ___________________________ (Parent/Caregiver)  Date: ______________

Student Contract

I commit myself to the 2016 Catholic Schools Music Festival.

I understand that I must attend all weekly practice sessions as well as the Hub Assessment and Rehearsals.

I understand that once a commitment is made I must see it through to the end.

Signed: ___________________________ (Student)

(Please return to the office along with the fee of $45 by Monday 29th February)
CONSENT FORM FOR PRODUCTION OF A DVD AND PUBLICATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Dear Parent

Your child is rehearsing for the Catholic Schools Music Festival which will be held at the Festival Theatre over 4 nights in September 2016 (Week 10, Term 3). Each performance will be filmed and used in the production of a DVD for each night. This DVD will be sold only to the families of students who take part in the Festival.

Photographs will also be taken during one of the performances of the massed choir (approximately 400 students each night from various CESA schools), support acts and other performers in the Festival. Some of the photographs may be published in Catholic newspapers, newsletters (as detailed in the attached consent form), and by BASS (the Festival Theatre’s ticketing agency) and CESA in order to showcase and promote the Festival.

No child in the choir, other than soloists, will be named in the DVD. No child will be named in any photograph.

If you have any concerns about your child being filmed or photographed, you are invited to discuss your concerns with your child’s class teacher or with the Choir Trainer at your child’s school prior to completing this consent form.

Please note that if you do not consent to your child being filmed or photographed, your child will not be able to take part in the Catholic Schools Music Festival.

Please return the consent form to your child’s Choir Trainer as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

GENNARO MANNELLA
CHAIR PERSON
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL
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Student’s First Name ___________________ Surname ___________________

School ___________________________ Year Level ___________

(Tick which applicable)
☐ Primary Festival Choir Member  ☐ Senior Boys Vocal Ensemble  ☐ Student Compere
☐ Primary Festival Choir Soloist  ☐ Festival String Ensemble  ☐ Secondary Girls’ Choir

Support Acts
☐ Support Act (Name of Ensemble/Soloist) __________________________
☐ Foyer Act (Name of Ensemble/Soloist) __________________________

Production of a DVD of each night’s performance
I give consent for my child to be filmed during the Catholic Schools Music Festival and for that footage to be used in a DVD (which will be sold to the families of students who take part in the Festival).

*I understand that if I do not give my consent for my child to be filmed for the DVD, my child will be unable to participate in the Catholic Schools Music Festival.

Publication of photographs taken during the performances
I give consent for photographs of my child in the choir, in a support act or otherwise, performing in the Catholic Schools Music Festival to be taken and published as follows:

- In CESA Community News, a newsletter from Catholic Education, South Australia which is available in hard copy through schools and online at http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/;

- In the Southern Cross Newspaper, a publication of the Adelaide Archdiocese which is available in hard copy through schools and parishes and online at http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/the-southern-cross; 

- By BASS in the Festival Theatre’s What’s On brochure and at http://www.bass.net.au for the purpose of promoting the Catholic Schools Music Festival (including ticket sales) in future years.

- On the Catholic Schools Music Festival website at http://musicfestival.cesa.catholic.edu.au for the purpose of promoting the Catholic Schools Music Festival (including ticket sales) in future years.

*I understand that if I do not give my consent for my child to be photographed for these purposes, my child will be unable to participate in the Catholic Schools Music Festival.

Signed ___________________________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________
Name of Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Catholic Schools Music Festival