



PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

Student and Parent Handbook 2022

Performing Arts Program Handbook for Students and Parents

Welcome to the Program

Welcome to the Sophia College Performing Arts Program. We are excited to have you join us as part of the program in 2022. Students and parents need to read this handbook carefully as it contains important information regarding the program. If you have any further questions regarding information in this handbook, please don't hesitate to contact Renee Hamilton at the College on (07)5411 3400 or email rhamilton@bne.catholic.edu.au

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2022 Program Offerings

In 2022, Sophia College will be offering two Performing Arts Programs – Choir and Drama Club. As we grow as a community in future years, more opportunities for engagement in this program will become available to students.

Program Purpose

The Performing Arts Program at Sophia College aims to provide students with the opportunity to:

- Expand upon lessons learned in curriculum classes by developing skills unique to each Performing Arts discipline
- Engage with a range of traditional and innovative experiences that foster a passion for creativity through self-expression
- Develop life skills such as teamwork, time management, problem solving and leadership
- Build connections with students from other year levels who share a similar interest
- Contribute to the college culture by adopting a commitment to service and community.

Student Expectations

Missed Rehearsals

As performing in an ensemble is a group activity it is important that all students are present for all rehearsals. If a student is unable to attend a rehearsal for any reason, the student must provide a written email explaining their absence **prior** to the rehearsal. Students are expected to copy their parents into the email. Often during lunch breaks meetings are held for various school groups and activities. Should a student have a meeting to attend they will be expected to see the staff member involved outside of the rehearsal time.

Academic Obligations

Students involved across the Performing Arts Program will occasionally miss classes to attend rehearsals or performances. It is the responsibility, however, of all students involved in the program to seek materials missed and complete work from their regular classes. Should a student be issued with a lunch time home learning catch-up they will still be expected to attend rehearsal so that other students in the ensemble are not disadvantaged. These are to be negotiated with the classroom teacher and will need to be made up at lunch time on the following school day.

Behaviour

Involvement in the Performing Arts Program at Sophia College involves weekly rehearsals as well as occasional additional commitments. Actions of any individual can help or hinder entire rehearsals. Students are expected to follow all college behaviour expectations during rehearsals and performing arts events. Repeat offenders may be removed from the rehearsal and/or the program at the discretion of the program coordinator.

Commitment

Unexpected departure from the program can upset planning and budgeting of the program. Parents are advised to seek advice from the program coordinator if your student's enthusiasm is decreasing, as there are often ways it can be restored. If after discussion you still wish to withdraw your student, you must give the program coordinator notice in writing of your intention to withdraw. Any withdrawal from the program is to be made at a mutually agreed time that does not impact negatively on other members. Program Fees will not be refunded should the withdrawal be made mid-term.

Rehearsal Times

Rehearsal times for 2022 are as follows:

Choir – Wednesday 10:55am – 11:30am

Drama Club - Tuesday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Practice

Students involved in the program are expected to practice their parts regularly at home. This ensures that rehearsals can focus on putting the parts together, rather than learning individual parts. It is also highly recommended that students practice in small sessions throughout the week, rather than in a large block one or two days a week. We encourage families to set a routine like the student's home learning routine. Parental support with home practice is very positive and encouraging for children. Please contact the program coordinator for ideas on how to motivate home practice.

Performances

There are several performance opportunities and events during the year that allow students to showcase what they have learnt in the program. Each group will have an opportunity to perform at key points in the year.

Performances may include but are not limited to:

- College Masses, Assemblies and Key Events
- Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod
- Queensland Catholic Schools Music Festival
- Arts Education Week Celebrations
- Five-Minutes of Fame Drama Night

Details of all performances will be outlined by a permission form via parent slips. It is important that permission forms are returned by the due date. If a student is unable to attend a performance the program coordinator is to be notified in writing via email **prior to the due date of the form**. It will otherwise be presumed that they are available to attend.

Cost

The cost of participating in the program varies for individual groups.

Choir

Participation in the College Choir is \$30/term (\$120/year). This money is used to cover the cost of purchasing new music, printing, administration, and some performance expenses such as competition entry fees. The fees are non-refundable should a student pull out during the term. All fees go directly back into resourcing and sustaining the program.

Students in the choir are also expected to have a completed choir uniform. The required dress for public performance includes the College grey full-length trousers (with a black belt), shirt, tie, blazer, and black dress shoes. All normal school uniform expectations apply including jewellery, hair, and make-up.

Drama Club

There is no regular fee for participating in the College Drama Club. At times, families may be required to supply elements for costumes and props for performances. These will be kept to a minimal expense and significant notice will be provided to source these items.

PROGRAM FEE PAYMENT

Program fees are payable the College Qkr App and due by the end of Week 2 each term. Students will be unable to attend rehearsals and participate in the program until fees have been paid. All fees are non-refundable.

If you have any questions in relation to your fees/account, please contact the Business Manager, Denise McGeary via the College Reception or contact can be made via email: dmcgeary@bne.catholic.edu.au

PROGRAM ENROLMENT PROCESS

Please read this entire handbook with your child.

To enrol in the program, complete [THIS FORM](#) using the link below by Friday 29th January 2022.

<https://forms.office.com/r/6Qg3DPAFpM>