

# **Choir Victoria Incorporated**

Victorian Boys' Choir and Victorian Girls' Choir

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# Choir Victoria – Information Pack

Thank you for your interest in Choir Victoria. This pack will provide you with most of the information about joining Choir Victoria, including fees, uniform, performance and rehearsals.

Choir Victoria is a combined boys' and girls' choir, divided into three levels:

<u>Semplice</u> – This is our entry level choir, and where most choristers will commence, regardless of age. In this group, children learn various components to being a member of a choir such as voice control, singing in tune and stage presence.

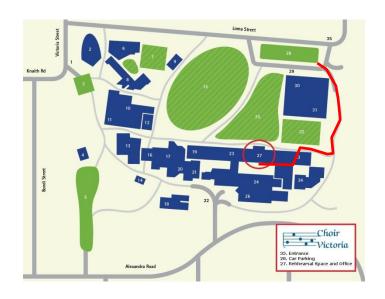
<u>Intrada</u> – Voices are further polished with more complex songs and singing in parts. Voices are split into alto and soprano to provide depth of sound.

<u>Cadenza</u> – This is our performing choir. The Cadenza choristers perform at all Choir Victoria events, as well as for public and private events. Knowledge is built upon from the Intrada choir. Songs are sung in up to six parts, and even in different languages.

Promotion through the various levels is not based on age, but on singing ability, maturity and commitment to the choir. Each chorister is assessed on an ongoing basis, and promoted when the Director of Music advises that they are suitable for promotion.

#### **LOCATION**

Choir Victoria rehearses in a lecture theatre at Tintern School in Ringwood East. Entry is at the corner of Loma Street and Morinda Street. Parking is in the main car park at the front of the school, and then on foot to the lecture theatre. A map is provided below:



#### **CAMPS**

Intrada and Cadenza choristers participate in two weekend workshops (usually one at a camp) where intensive tuition is provided. Semplice choristers are often invited to attend the camp location for the last day to sing with the other groups.

#### **UNIFORM**

Every chorister at Choir Victoria is expected to attend rehearsals in their rehearsal uniform. This consists of:

BOYS Blue VBC Polo Shirt Navy Blue Tracksuit Pants; or Navy Blue Shorts Runners GIRLS
White VGC Polo Shirt
Navy Blue Tracksuit Pants; or
Navy Blue Shorts; or
Navy Blue Netball Skirt
Runners

## **PERFORMANCE UNIFORM**

**Semplice** choristers perform in their own outfits for performances. Each performance memo contains details of the wardrobe required to match the concert (i.e. Bright colours for spring, Christmas clothes for the carols).

**Intrada and Cadenza** choristers are fitted for a performance uniform at the commencement of each year. The uniform is retained by the chorister, and cleaning/ironing before a concert is the responsibility of the chorister.

Cadenza choristers wear a robe for special performances, in particular our Christmas Carols and Lessons. For a private booking, robes may be worn by both Intrada and Cadenza level choristers.

All uniforms are on loan from the choir, and must be returned dry cleaned at the end of each year or upon leaving the choir.

# **FEES**

Fees are charged on a per term basis, and are reviewed annually by the committee.

# Current fees are:

Semplice - \$130.00 per term Intrada - \$160.00 per term Cadenza - \$185.00 per term

There is a one off joining fee of \$50 to cover the administration costs of music and uniform, there is also a bond of \$130.00, which is held by Choir Victoria for the entire time the chorister remains with Choir Victoria. This amount covers the cost of replacing lost music and performance rights, as well as the performance uniform and robes.

When a chorister resigns from Choir Victoria, a refund of \$130.00 will be provided once all music has been returned and performance uniforms are cleaned and returned.