

## Audition Information for Choir Groups

Applications are now open for schools to audition for the Star Struck 2019 massed choir.

**Audition Applications due date: Wednesday 27 February 2019.**

Please read the following information carefully as it outlines the expectations of auditions and participation:

<p><b>Program information</b></p>	<p>Star Struck is an annual performing arts arena event for public schools from across the Hunter and Central Coast. It is an exciting showcase of dance, drama and music performed to a live orchestra by students from Kindergarten to Year 12 from a vast network of NSW public schools. 2019 will be the 27th year of Star Struck.</p>
<p><b>Application</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit the <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-DZTiGka0SZ-i67sM_Z4yKvxyOn3qW1ItRLsFSD3rBUjraw/viewform?usp=sf_link">Star Struck Choir Audition Online Form</a> or type in <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-DZTiGka0SZ-i67sM_Z4yKvxyOn3qW1ItRLsFSD3rBUjraw/viewform?usp=sf_link">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-DZTiGka0SZ-i67sM_Z4yKvxyOn3qW1ItRLsFSD3rBUjraw/viewform?usp=sf_link</a> ensuring that you indicate choir numbers and vocal parts, and paste in your recording YouTube URLs in the two separate areas; one for 'Advance Australia Fair' and one for your 'Own Song Choice'.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Audition</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choirs are to audition with two songs, the National Anthem and an own choice song.</li> <li>The National Anthem needs to be only one verse, and should be performed in the child-friendly key of B-flat major. Accompaniment is strongly advised, you may wish to use an instrumental track. This YouTube video is in the suggested key '<a href="#">Australian National Anthem (Instrumental)</a>'.</li> <li>Own choice songs should demonstrate the skills of your choir. Songs with two-part harmony are preferable, such as rounds and partner songs. If you choose to sing a pop song, please make sure it is in the right pitch range for your students – not too low in pitch.</li> <li>If you are having trouble finding repertoire, have a look at '<a href="#">Songs and vocal activities from around the world</a>'. It has some good tips about getting a good choral sound. Look out for 'Che Che Kule', 'Wade in the Water' or 'Wimoweh'</li> </ul>
<p><b>Selection</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools will be allocated places according to their successful audition. Places in the choir are limited by seating numbers and balance of parts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>YouTube</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audition videos are submitted through YouTube. Instructions on uploading to YouTube are attached.</li> <li>No other submission methods will be accepted.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fees and costs associated with Star Struck</b></p>	<p>The following costs are associated with participation in the Star Struck choir. All payments are due by Friday 12 April 2019. Final numbers for choir groups MUST be emailed to <a href="mailto:starstruck@det.nsw.edu.au">starstruck@det.nsw.edu.au</a> by Friday 3 May 2019. Schools will be debited after this date as part of the monthly sundry tax upload system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation Fee - \$30 per student No GST</li> <li>Security Fee - \$5.50 per student including GST</li> <li>Choir t-shirt - \$22 each including GST. These shirts a requirement for all choir students and teachers as they form part of the costume for students/teachers participating in the mass choir. Schools will be debited based on orders received.</li> <li>Event T-shirts - \$22 including GST each. Please note t-shirts are a requirement for all students in mass school dance and drama items as these will be used to form part of a costume in the 2019 show.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Props bag</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students and teachers in the Star Struck choir will be required to organise a props bag to be used throughout the show. Costs for this is always kept to a minimum and details will be available closer to the show.</li> </ul>

***If successful at audition:***

<b>Teachers meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervising teachers <b>MUST</b> attend the Teacher's Meeting on <b>Tuesday 19 March 2019 from 4pm – 5:30pm</b> at Hunter Theatre (Hunter School of Performing Arts, Cameron street, Broadmeadow)</li></ul>
<b>Rehearsals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Each school will be sent rehearsal material.</li><li>Teachers are responsible for in-school rehearsals during March, April and May.</li><li>Choirs are committed to attend rehearsals and performances in the Newcastle area on the following dates;  Friday 10 May (TBC)                      First Major Choir Rehearsal Friday 7 June (TBC)                      Second Major Choir Rehearsal Thursday 13 June                      Technical and Dress Rehearsal Friday 14 June                      Matinee and Evening Performances Saturday 15 June                      Matinee and Evening Performances</li></ul>
<b>General Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If successful, relief days for supervising school staff are the responsibility of the school.</li></ul>

If there are any other questions please email the Star Struck Office on [starstruck@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:starstruck@det.nsw.edu.au)

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