



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL BENDIGO CHOIR SCHOLARSHIPS (2024)

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir in Bendigo is currently wishing to recruit new members from amongst students at local Catholic Schools and Colleges.

The mixed-voice Cathedral Choir of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses currently comprises 25 members, approximately one third of whom are on scholarship.

The scholarships, valued at \$1,200 per year, offer a wonderful opportunity for students to contribute towards the liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral, and to further their musical education and appreciation. Scholarships are paid towards the end of each semester.

The Cathedral Choir sings music from the Church's rich tradition of Gregorian chant and polyphony in Latin and English, plus traditional and contemporary hymnody and psalmody from Catholic and ecumenical sources.

Rehearsals are held in the Choir Room in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo (off Short Street) on Thursdays during school terms from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (in Terms 1 and 4 due to extended preparations for Holy Week and Christmas) and from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (in Terms 2 and 3), and on Sundays from 9:45-10:40 a.m. in the Cathedral Choir Room, prior to the 11.00 a.m. Mass.

The Choir also sings at Christmas services and Easter ceremonies, and Diocesan celebrations (e.g. Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week and Ordination liturgies from time to time).

**AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD AT
Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir Room (enter at Short Street, Bendigo)
on
Sunday 17 December 2023 from 12:15 p.m., after the 11:00 a.m. Mass
and
Sunday 28 January 2024 from 12:15 p.m., after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.**

Applicants are required to sing a number of items, including a familiar Christmas Carol (e.g. Silent Night) or Advance Australia Fair in addition to completing ear tests and a passage of sight-singing.

Sight-singing ability is a distinct advantage. Interested applicants are invited to complete the audition form on the following pages.

**SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL BENDIGO
CHOIR SCHOLARSHIPS
AUDITION APPLICATION FORM (2024)**

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S AGE: _____

PARENT NAMES:

SIGNATURES OF PARENTAL CONSENT: _

_____ **DATE:** _____

_____ **DATE:** _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PHONE/MOBILE NUMBERS:

EMAILS: _____

STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH:

STUDENT'S SCHOOL & YEAR LEVEL in 2023:

STUDENT'S SCHOOL and YEAR LEVEL in 2024:

SACRAMENTS RECEIVED BY STUDENT:

PARISH: _____

TOWN: _____

DATE: _____ CELEBRANT: _____

BAPTISM: _____

CONFIRMATION: _____

FIRST COMMUNION: _____

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PLAYED?

AMEB MUSIC GRADES COMPLETED? _____

Please return this form - completed and signed - by

- **Thursday 14 December 2023 for audition on Sunday 17 December 2023**
- OR**
- **Thursday 25 January 2024 for auditions on Sunday 28 January 2024.**

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