

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

2017 CHORAL PROGRAM



The New England Conservatorium is one of the leading regional centres for choral excellence in Australia. Its sequenced training program for students from Kinder to Year 12 nurtures outstanding young choristers, many of whom win selection in the prestigious Gondwana National Choral School and become members of its internationally acclaimed choirs, every year.

The comprehensive Choral Program is led by highly experienced conductors and accompanists who are specialists in developing young voices. Rehearsing on Monday or Wednesday afternoons, the program features:

- A tiered choral program for students in Kindergarten to Year 12 – open to all, no auditions
- Extension Choirs (Cantilena Chorale + New England Chamber Choir) – enrolment only after audition during Term 1
- 2-6 concerts in 2017 including the Armidale Eisteddfod, Winter and Christmas concerts

| Choral Program 2017 | | |
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| Minisingers | Kinder - Year 2 | Wed 4.00pm – 4.45pm in F03 |
| Cantilena | Year 3 – Year 6 | Wed 4.00pm – 5.00pm in G31 |
| Cantilena Chorale | Year 3 – Year 6 | Wed 5.00 – 5.30pm in G31 |
| New England Singers | Year 7 – Year 12 | Mon 4.00pm – 5.15pm in F.03 |
| New England Chamber Choir | Year 7 – Year 12 | Mon 5.15 – 6.00pm in F.03 |

2017 Calendar

Keep this calendar handy and enter the dates for rehearsals and concerts into your family diary now to avoid clashes.

The Choral Program provides 8-10 weeks rehearsals/term in addition to pre-concert rehearsals and performances.

TERM 1

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| MONDAYS: New England Singers & New England Chamber Choir 9 Rehearsals: 6, 13, 20 & 27 February; 6, 13, 20, 27 March; 3 April | WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 9 Rehearsals: 8, 15, 22 February; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March; 5 April |
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TERM 2

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| MONDAYS: New England Singers & New England Chamber Choir 8 rehearsals: Wed 26 April (Not Mon 24); 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 May; 5 & 19 June | WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 8 rehearsals: 27 April; 3, 10, 24 & 31 May; 7, 14 & 21 June |
| Armidale Eisteddfod Choral Events: Tuesday 16 May @ Lazenby Hall, UNE / Wednesday 17 May @ NECOM Auditorium | |
| Cantilena Choral workshop: Wednesday 17 May | |

TERM 3

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| MONDAYS: New England Singers & New England Chamber Choir 10 rehearsals: 17, 24 & 31 July; 7, 14, 21 & 28 August; 4, 11 & 18 Sept. | WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 10 Rehearsals: 19 & 26 July; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August; 6, 13 & 20 Sept |
| Winter Choral Concert: Wednesday 23 August @ 6.00pm, NECOM Auditorium | |

TERM 4

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| MONDAYS: New England Singers & New England Chamber Choir 8 Rehearsals: 9, 16, 23 & 30 October; 6, 13, 20 & 27 Nov | WEDNESDAYS: Minisingers, Cantilena & Cantilena Chorale 8 Rehearsals: 11, 18 & 25 October; 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 November |
| Christmas Choral Concert (All Choirs): Wednesday 29 November @ 6.00pm, NECOM Auditorium | |

Program Fees 2017– Term Payment Dates

| Choral Program | Fee/Term | Options |
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| Minisingers, Cantilena and New England Singers | \$110 | Early Bird Discount |
| | \$120 | Standard |
| | \$155 | Late Payment Fee |
| Extension Choirs – Enrolment only after audition | | |
| Cantilena Chorale & NE Singers Chamber Choir | \$60 | Early Bird Discount |
| | \$65 | Standard |
| | \$100 | Late Fee |

| Deadlines for Payment Options 2017 | | | | |
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| | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 |
| Early Bird Discount | Fri 3/2 | Fri 21/4 | Fri 14/7 | Fri 6/10 |
| Standard | Fri 24/2 | Fri 12/5 | Fri 4/8 | Fri 27/10 |
| Late Fee | Payment after Standard Fee deadline passes | | | |

2017 CHORAL ENROLMENT INFORMATION

This is an important summary of our Enrolment Policy. Please read carefully and file for future reference.

Enrolment Terms & Conditions

- Programs are designed for the full year of sequential activities and it is assumed that enrolment is for the full year unless cancellation in writing is received 4 weeks before the start of each term (refer to 'Cancellation of Enrolment' details below).
- To activate enrolment, all students MUST complete the new 2017 Enrolment & Payment form.
- After the 2017 enrolment form is processed, invoices for Terms 2, 3 and 4 will be sent automatically 4 weeks before each term.
- It is the responsibility of the Account Holder (parent/guardian) to notify the NECOM Office of any changes to their contact addresses and student enrolment details as soon as these details change.
- NECOM reserves the right to suspend/cancel enrolments if accounts remain outstanding (individual payment plans excluded).
- Accounts that remain unpaid are sent to appropriate agents for recovery. If recovery/legal action is undertaken, the Account Holder (parents/guardians/student) will be responsible for all expenses in relation to the collection of the out-standing amount including, but not limited to, all charges and fees, legal costs on an indemnity basis, and disbursements.
- Relevant NECOM policies and directions apply to parents/guardians/students. These policies may be varied at times by NECOM and up to date copies can be obtained upon request to NECOM.
- It is the parents' responsibility to ensure their child is delivered and collected punctually to the choral rehearsals. NECOM does NOT take responsibility for supervision of a child outside the lesson time and venue.
- Whilst all care is taken, NECOM accepts no liability for thefts, damage, accidents or injuries that may occur whilst on NECOM premises.

Term Fee Payment Dates & Options

Refer to Table of fees and payment dates overleaf. NB: If your fee payment/instalment payment is not received in full or part by week 4 of each term, NECOM reserves the right to cease or suspend lessons.

Payment Options

- o Early Bird Discount of \$10 Pay by the Friday before term starts and get a \$10 discount (Fri 3 February for Term 1, 2017)
- o Standard fee Pay by Friday of Week 3 in each term (Fri 24 Feb in Term 1, 2017)
- o Late Payment fee of \$35 Standard Payment deadline missed incurs an additional late penalty of \$35

Instalment Payment Plan

Pay term fee by instalments - contact NECOM office to agree on a payment plan

Rehearsal Attendance Policy: Terms & Conditions

Late Commencements, Missed Rehearsals & Refunds

- New students who enrol after the beginning of the term will be given a pro-rata reduction in tuition fees.
- Rehearsals missed will NOT receive a refund under any circumstances.
- In exceptional circumstances (e.g. serious prolonged illness or accident with a doctor's certificate), a request for credit or a refund must be made in writing by post or email (admin@necom.org.au) to NECOM.
- An administration fee of \$25 will apply if a credit or refund is approved due to exceptional circumstances.

Cancellation of Enrolment & Withdrawal from program

- Programs are designed for the full year of sequential activities and it is assumed that enrolment is for the full year.
- If you decide to stop being in the choir, you must cancel your enrolment and withdraw from the annual program.
- To cancel your enrolment you must:
 - o Notify NECOM office in writing (mail or email admin@necom.org.au) at least 4 weeks before the start of each term.
- If you do not cancel your enrolment, you will be automatically invoiced for your continuing enrolment and must pay the term fee.
- A telephone call, text or casual conversation with the choral conductor does not constitute an official written notification to NECOM administration of your cancellation of enrolment.
- Failure to attend rehearsals does not constitute cancellation, withdrawal or deferment and fees will remain payable.
- If you do not give written notice to cancel your enrolment before the first week of the term, you will be liable to pay the full term fee.
- A credit or refund may be approved on a written appeal to the Director - an administration fee of \$25 will apply,

Fee Payment Options

If payments are not received in full or part by week 4 of each term, NECOM reserves the right to cease or suspend enrolment.

- o Early Bird Discount of \$10 Pay by the Friday before term starts and receive a \$10 discount.
 - o Standard fee Pay by end of Week 3 in each term
 - o Late fee of \$35 Late penalty of \$35 is added to Standard Fee after Wk.3 payment deadline has been missed
- Other Payment Options Instalment Payment Plan or Bursary Assistance - contact NECOM office