



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL CHOIR, BENDIGO STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS (2025)

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir in Bendigo is currently working to recruit new members from amongst students at local Catholic, and non-denominational Schools and Colleges.

The mixed-voice Cathedral Choir (of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses) currently comprises 28 members, approximately one third of whom are on scholarship or bursary.

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 deepen their faith, their musical formation and appreciation. Scholarships are paid towards the end of each semester in half-yearly instalments.

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, Anglican, Lutheran and other church sources.

Rehearsals are held in the Cathedral Choir Room, off Short Street, Bendigo, on Thursdays during school terms from 6-8pm (in Terms 1 and 4 due to extended preparations for Holy Week and Christmas) and from 6:30-8pm (in Terms 2 and 3), and on Sundays during Term from 9:45-10:40am in the Cathedral Choir Room, prior to the 11am 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 when scheduled).

Auditions will be held at the Cathedral Choir Room on Sundays in later February, after the 11am Mass which interested singers are encouraged to attend. Audition bookings are required.

In order to demonstrate existing skill levels, 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.

A documentary style video of the history and ministry of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir is available on the Diocese of Sandhurst YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/57V7COYNp5Y>

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

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS
AUDITION APPLICATION/BOOKING FORM (2025)

STUDENT'S NAME:

STUDENT'S AGE: _____

NAME OF PARENTS:

SIGNATURES OF PARENTAL CONSENT: _

_____ DATE: _____

_____ DATE: _____

HOME ADDRESS:

PHONE/MOBILE NUMBERS:

EMAILS:

STUDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH:

STUDENT'S SCHOOL & YEAR LEVEL in 2024:

STUDENT'S SCHOOL and YEAR LEVEL in 2025:

SACRAMENTS RECEIVED BY STUDENT:

PARISH: _____

CITY/TOWN:

DATE: _____ CELEBRANT: _____

BAPTISM: _____

CONFIRMATION: _____

FIRST COMMUNION: _____

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PLAYED?

AMEB OR OTHER MUSICAL EDUCATION GRADES COMPLETED?

Please return this form by Thursday 20 February 2025 to :

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