



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL CHOIR, BENDIGO

2026

Student Scholarships & Adult Bursaries

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir in Bendigo is currently seeking to recruit new members from amongst students at local Catholic, and non-denominational Schools and Colleges and adult singers in the broader community.

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 student scholarships, valued at **\$1,750** 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 school semester in half-yearly instalments. **There are 3 scholarships available in 2026** for new students commencing upper primary or lower secondary levels in 2026. Student scholarships are normally continuous through to the end of Year 12, based on satisfactory commitment through the year.

The **4 bursaries for adult singers for 2026**, valued at **\$2,400** per recipient per year, offer adults in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass ranges an opportunity to receive some financial remuneration based on their competency in singing and sight-reading. The bursaries are for 12 months only, however, successful recipients are welcome to re-apply/re-audition at the end of each year.

The Cathedral Choir sings music from the Church's rich traditional repertoire 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 **6-7:30pm** (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 Cathedral 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 after the 11am Mass which interested singers are encouraged to attend. Audition bookings are required (via attached form).

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 application form on the following pages:

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS & ADULT BURSARIES
AUDITION APPLICATION/BOOKING FORM (for 2026)

NAME:

AGE (for student applicants): _____

NAME OF PARENTS (for student applicants):

SIGNATURES OF PARENTAL CONSENT (for student applicants):_

_____ DATE: _____

_____ DATE: _____

HOME ADDRESS:

PHONE/MOBILE NUMBERS:

EMAILS:

DATE OF BIRTH (for student applicants):

SCHOOL/COLLEGE & YEAR LEVEL in 2025 (for student applicants):

SCHOOL/COLLEGE and YEAR LEVEL in 2026 (for student applicants):

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CARD NO. & EXPIRY DATE (for adult applicants)

SACRAMENTS RECEIVED (FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS):

PARISH: _____

CITY/TOWN: _____

DATE: _____ CELEBRANT: _____

BAPTISM: _____

CONFIRMATION: _____

FIRST COMMUNION: _____

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PLAYED?

AMEB OR OTHER MUSICAL EDUCATION GRADES COMPLETED?

Please return this form to :

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