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# Information for Parents

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19 May 2017

## **IPSHA Performing Arts Festival (PAF) Primary Music Tour**

Dear Parents

Following on from our successful involvement in previous years, we are planning to participate again in the 2017 IPSHA Performing Arts Festival (PAF) in Sydney in Term 3.

We will be performing this year on Tuesday, 22 August, together with students from seven other IPSHA schools, including All Saints Grammar, Broughton Anglican College, Danebank Anglican School for Girls, St Spyridon College, Macarthur Anglican School, Kincoppal-Rose Bay, and Rouse Hill Anglican College.

The aim of the IPSHA Performing Arts Festival is *'to have students from various IPSHA NSW Primary schools, participate in an exceptional night of music and performing arts at the Sydney Town Hall'*.

The invitation to participate as a country school at a venue like the Sydney Town Hall and to be able to contribute together with other NSW independent schools is a wonderful opportunity indeed.

We first participated in this Festival in 2005, and continued to be involved in 2007, 2009, 2014, and 2015. I am delighted that we have opportunity this year to share again in this special opportunity with *Voiceworks*.

Each participating school is involved on one of a number of nights and the programme includes individual school items, combined schools' instrumental items, before culminating in a segment of songs performed by a combined massed Primary choir.

Mrs Hunt has begun rehearsals with our *Voiceworks* students in preparation for this evening and we are hoping that all *Voiceworks* students will be able to attend.

The Primary Music Tour will commence when we travel down to Sydney on Tuesday, 22 August, leaving School at 7:30am.

Students will be involved in PAF rehearsals at the Town Hall during the day, and will then travel to our accommodation venue at *'land's edge'*, Chowder Bay, for some down time, showers and dinner before the Evening Performance.

We have booked in for a tour at the Sydney Opera House on Wednesday morning and also the Sydney Conservatorium of Music for a lunchtime concert. We plan to arrive back at School by 6:00pm on Wednesday evening.

Mrs Wendy Hunt, Mrs Tori Saunders and Mr Feeney will be supervising the students.

We expect costs for participating students will be approximately \$150 / student, depending on final numbers. These costs will cover bus transport, accommodation, meals and the Opera House Tour. Costs will be added to your Monthly Statement.

At this stage, we need an indication of your child's availability, and I would ask that the attached permission slip is completed and returned to the Primary Office by Friday, 26 May.

Further information and details regarding travel, accommodation, tickets, parent participation, etc. will be sent home in regular IPSHA PAF / Music Tour updates.

Our School will be allocated 2 x tickets per participating student to sell, which may be purchased by parents for themselves, their extended family and/or friends. In past years, many of the tickets have been purchased for relatives living in Sydney, giving them an opportunity to see our students perform, without needing to travel to Scone. In previous years we were able to sell all our allocated tickets, after a wonderful show of support from parents and extended family and friends.

Tickets are \$37.50. **Children performing in the school choir do not need a ticket.**

This is an exciting opportunity and I do look forward to your support as we continue our planning and preparation.

Please contact Mrs Hunt, Mrs Saunders or myself if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Graeme Feeney  
**Head of Primary**

**IPSHA Performing Arts Festival  
Primary Music Tour**

**Tuesday 22 - Wednesday 23 August, 2017**

- I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
from Year \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the 2017 IPSHA Performing Arts Festival / Primary Music Tour.
- I understand the costs will be approximately \$150 / student, which will be added to my Monthly Statement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian

**Please return to the Primary Office by Friday, 26 May, 2017.**