

# CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIRS



"The only thing better than singing is more singing" Ella Fitzgerald

Established in 2004, our award-winning choral program has a reputation for excellence in choral training for young people and continues to achieve impressive outcomes.

We offer a range of choirs to match a child's age, social grouping, performance skills and vocal maturity. Entry is open to all young people, there are no competitive auditions. Every child has a voice, and every child is welcome.

Children's Choirs Minisingers is perfect introduction to music, singing and performance for children in years K - 2 with lots of fun action songs and musical games to develop skills in pitch and rhythm, concentration, co-ordination and memory. Wednesdays from 4:00 - 4:45pm.

Cantilena Singers is for students in years 3 - 6, who perform more complex unison melodies, 2 and 3-part songs and provides additional performance opportunities as they gain in confidence. Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00pm.

Advanced Cantilena members also have the opportunity to join Cantilena Chorale, an extension choir following Cantilena rehearsals. Wednesdays 5:00 - 5:30pm.

#### Youth Choirs

New England Singers for students in years 7 - 12, provides talented and committed young singers opportunity to develop their musical skills in an inspiring environment focused on achieving excellence in performance. Mondays 4:00 - 5:15pm.

New England Chamber Choir is an extension choir offered to gifted and talented senior members of New England Singers who have achieved a high standard in music literacy, vocal production and performance skills. Mondays 5:15 - 6:00pm.

Side by Side Choir for teenagers living with disability and their neurotypical peers is run through the Armidale Secondary College Support Unit.

Choral program members join for a whole year of activity, including weekly rehearsals during school terms, are guided by specialist music educators, and present concerts throughout the year.

Fee support is available for families and those in financial need. **Please contact the NECOM Office for fee information.**