



## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026

### CHANGE OF VENUE – WED 29 APRIL – BARGOONGA NGANJIN

Please note that we will be at Bargoonga Nganjin (Fitzroy North Library) this Wed.

- YVKids and Juniors – we will be using seminar rooms on ground floor
- Mezzos – we will be using the Community Room on Level 2



### WHEN WE SING: A CELEBRATION OF SONG – JUNE 20 CONCERT

Join The Yarra Voices on Saturday June 20 for our 2026 Winter Concert, When We Sing. Come together for a heartfelt afternoon of choral music that celebrates the joy, comfort and connection we find in singing. Featuring all four of our choirs and special guest musicians, this program explores what it means to sing with and for one another by sharing stories, voices and moments of warmth in the winter season.

Venue: Methodist Ladies College – James Tatoulis Auditorium

Address: 207 Barkers Road, Kew

Concert: 3.30pm (door open 3.10pm)

Tickets via TryBooking > <https://www.trybooking.com/DLTFY>

#### Call times for rehearsals on Saturday JUNE 20

- Performing Choir - 12.15pm
- Mezzo Yarra Voices – 12.45pm
- Junior Yarra Voices – 1.30pm
- YV Kids call time – 2.00pm

\* Please note that attendance at the rehearsal before the concert is compulsory, so please keep this in mind if your child has sporting matches that day. Unless they are in a grand final we expect them to come to these rehearsals. Our concerts are like our grand finals, and you wouldn't miss the warmup before a grand final!

## **UNIFORM FOR CONCERT**

YV T-SHIRTS – These have been ordered and will be distributed in the next couple of weeks. If you still have a green Yarra Voices t-shirt at home can you please return it? We are throwing out all our old faded green t-shirts and giving everyone new ones.

BLACK SHOES - Clean and polished flat black court shoes, black leather laceups or black t-bars (must be worn with black socks) – pictures below  
- These can be purchased from Big W, Target or Kmart  
-**NO** runners, canvas shoes, high heels, boots, sandals or scuffed shoes.



## BLACK PERFORMANCE PANTS/SLACKS

– These need to be full leg length, **NO** denim, stretchy lycra, leggings or track pants, not too tight and should be a true black.

For kids 12 and under, Target has the best range of 'boys' pants that are perfect performance pants.

<https://www.target.com.au/p/boys-suiting-pants/68664695>

<https://www.target.com.au/p/school-structured-twill-pants/70164916>

For the taller kids and teenagers, the adult section of the Target or Kmart have plenty of black pant options and go down to an adult size 6.

All also have a small selection of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand pants in the cupboard that have been donated by choir families. Just let me know if you'd like to look through them.



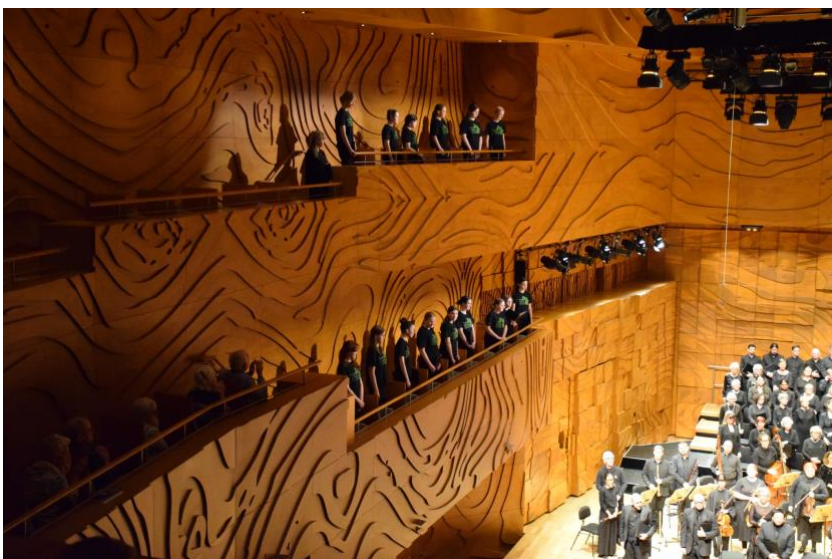
## RECENT PERFORMANCE UPDATES

Just a few performance updates as it's already been a wonderfully busy and rewarding Term 1 for members The Yarra Voices, with some of our singers sharing their music across a range of exciting projects.

Four of our students, Bella, Harvey, Emily and Lucie, featured in the ABC Education series *Let's Sing*, performing alongside beloved Australian musician Peter Combe in 'Mr Clicketty Cane'. It's a joyful resource supporting music-making in classrooms across the country and we're so proud to see our young singers involved. You can watch it [HERE](#)

Members of our Performing Choir also took part in a performance of Bach's epic *St Matthew Passion* on Good Friday at the Melbourne Recital Centre. Presented in collaboration with the Melbourne Bach Choir and Melbourne Baroque Orchestra, this sold-out performance was a powerful and deeply moving musical experience.

And during the Easter school holidays, singers from our Mezzo Yarra Voices and Performing Choir travelled to Geelong to perform at the Australian National Choral Association Choral Fest. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with choirs from across the country and share in a weekend of inspiring music-making.



## FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

Don't forget to like our Facebook & Instagram accounts for photos, videos from concerts & events! [www.facebook.com/theyarravoices](http://www.facebook.com/theyarravoices)  
[www.instagram.com/theyarravoices/](http://www.instagram.com/theyarravoices/)

## COMMITMENT AND COMMUNICATION REMINDER

We expect all singers will be at every performance, camp and choir activity unless we have heard from you. We understand that sometimes it is not possible to attend and if that is the case we need to know as soon as possible, and not last minute, so check the calendar and let us know asap if you have any clashes.

Also, just a reminder that students are to arrive **5-10 minutes** before rehearsal starts so they are ready to start warmups with us as soon as rehearsal begins. As we tell the kids, 'Early is on-time and on-time is late!' There are so many important social things that happen before rehearsal starts too, and it's a lovely chance for the kids to make friends and have a bit of a play and laugh before we get started.

## 2026 Calendar

PC = Performing Choir, MYV = Mezzo Yarra Voices, JYV = Junior Yarra Voices, YVK – YV Kids

April 22/23	First rehearsals of Term 2	ALL CHOIRS
Wed June 3	<b>Kodály Senior Choral Festival</b> Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School Arrival 6.00pm Singing Together: 6.15 – 6.45pm Concert: 7.00 – 8.30pm	PC
Sat June 20	<b>Yarra Voices Winter Concert</b> James Tatoulis Auditorium - MLC - Kew Rehearsals from 12pm Concert at 3.30pm	ALL CHOIRS
June 24/25	Last rehearsals of Term 2	ALL CHOIRS
July 15/16	First rehearsals of Term 3	ALL CHOIRS
Sat Dec 5	<b>Yarra Voices Summer Concert</b> Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School - PAC Rehearsals from 12pm Concert at 3.30pm	ALL CHOIRS