



*"To raise up effective leaders of godly character who will blend academic achievement and biblical truth, to influence society for the glory of God."*

**Monday, 30th July 2018**

**PARTICIPATION IN  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL  
AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup> 2018  
Year 5 and 6 Primary Singers**

Dear Parents,

From Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018, OCS will again host the Christian Education National Music Festival. The aim of the festival is to bring together music students from CEN schools in NSW, to sing and play together, under the direction of expert music directors, as we celebrate God's wonderful gift of music.

Stage 3 students have the option to participate in this wonderful event as members of the Primary Singers with Stage 2 and Mr Snitch.

Please read the following details carefully, helping your child to understand the choice and complete the slip at the end of this letter. Those who choose not to be involved in the Festival will have normal classes on Thursday and Friday of Week 3.

During the Festival, Thursday and Friday will consist of rehearsal/workshop sessions with musical directors at OCS and the Christian Ministry Centre. On Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> the Festival moves to Turners Vineyard. Rehearsals in the morning in the Lucknow Valley Room followed by the Grand Concert Performance at 2:00pm. Everyone is invited to the Grand Concert at Turners.

Further information for OCS students;

- Regular school hours on Thursday and Friday
- Normal classes until first break on Thursday
- Saturday from 9:45am until 4:00pm at Turners Vineyard
- **Full school uniform** is required for the three days of the Festival, including Saturday.
- Lunch is provided for participants on each day of the Festival. Students may bring drinks and snacks with them as they would normally.

On **Thursday evening at 7:00pm**, our Guest Festival Director, Dr Anita Collins will address our Festival participants, parents and regional music educators. Dr Collins is a Neuromusical Educator and will speak on the importance of Music Education. While I would encourage everyone to attend, this evening will be optional for participating OCS students.

An optional social event for Secondary OCS students only will be held at OCS on Friday 17th August @ 6:30pm - 8:30pm.



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We are greatly looking forward to the Festival and know that the other participating students are also. This will be a wonderful music and social opportunity for our students and we hope that you and lots of your friends and family will be able to join us for the Grand Concert on **Saturday 18th August at 2:00pm** at Turners Vineyard.

Please feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions.

Yours in Christ

Peter Cooper  
Performing Arts Coordinator

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**Please complete and return the slip below to Mr Cooper via the front office by Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018**

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Dear Mr Cooper,

My child, \_\_\_\_\_ in **S3S** or **S3G** (please circle class)

WILL participate in the CEN Music Festival in August.

WILL NOT participate in the CEN Music Festival in August.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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