

WA MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL

WA Schools' Choral Festival Association

WA Massed Choir Festival (MCF) 2026 **16–24 September 2026 • Perth High Performance Centre (HPC)** **PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONLY**

WHAT IS THE WA MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL?

The WA Massed Choir Festival (MCF) is a long-running, high-quality choral festival for Western Australian public schools. Each year, thousands of students from Years 4–6 perform a major concert with a professional band and string quartet, supported by a comprehensive suite of teacher and student resources.

Participating schools receive:

- A full set of music resources
- Access to the MCF App
- High-quality professional learning
- A major public performance experience
- Commissioned works linked to WA history and curriculum
- A supportive community of music educators

This newsletter provides your first information for 2026, including registration, dates, costs, and requirements.

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

- Purchase Resources USB during registration
 - Pre-order Concert Video during registration
 - Suitable for Years 4–6
 - No need to purchase music—all copyright included
 - Professional band and string quartet accompany each concert
 - Commissioned works support WA curriculum
 - Two auditioned comperes per concert
 - Solo opportunities available for students
 - Access to password-protected webpage with lyrics, music and resources
 - Lyrics, lessons, and choralography videos available for smartboards
 - Conductor, Student and Parent pages on the MCF website
 - Comprehensive teacher handbook
 - All forms online
 - AITSL standard links included
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OUR AMAZING APP!

Once registered, teachers and students receive access to the MCF App, which includes:

- Backing tracks
- Vocal recordings
- Vocal line scores
- Song information
- Choralography videos (uploaded once completed)

You will receive login details after registration and can begin rehearsing immediately.

Register early!

REPERTOIRE 2026

(Choirs learn and memorize one part)

- Let Me Entertain You – Robbie Williams
 - Everyday My Mother's Voice – Dan Sultan & Paul Kelly
 - Keep the Beat – Lin-Manuel Miranda
 - Revolting Children – Tim Minchin
 - Away from The Screen – Paul Jarman
 - Message of Hope – Glyn Lehmann
 - Help! – The Beatles
 - Chosen Family – Elton John
 - Can't Stop the Feeling – Justin Timberlake
 - Wars Of The West (commissioned work) – Mark Puddy – A brand-new, humorous piece about the 1932 Great Emu War (not to be performed before the festival)
 - Something Just Like This – The Chainsmokers & Coldplay
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FESTIVAL CONDUCTORS

Mary-Anne Goyder – Award-winning Level 3 music specialist, conductor since 2009.

Mirelle Hopwood – Long-standing MCF conductor, WAAPA-trained vocalist, secondary music specialist, and Musical Director of Perth Pride Choir.

REHEARSALS & CONCERT DETAILS — 2026

Schools select the choir and dates that best suit their calendar.
Please check carefully for sports carnivals, camps, and One Big Voice.
OBV 2026 is on 21 August, which affects Cluster Rehearsals 6 & 7.

FESTIVAL CONCERTS 1–7

17–26 September 2026 – 7:15 pm – 8:45 pm

Venue: Perth High Performance Centre (formerly HBF Stadium)

Rehearsal Venues:

Cluster Rehearsals: Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall (Churchlands SHS)

Day Rehearsals, Tech, Concerts: Perth High Performance Centre (HPC)

2026 REHEARSAL & CONCERT TIMETABLE

Extra Cluster

Tuesday 18 August — 9:45–11:45am
(See registration form for details)

Cluster, Day Rehearsal, Tech & Concert Dates

Choir	Cluster Rehearsal	Day Rehearsal (HPC)	Tech & Concert (HPC)
1	Tues 18 Aug – 12:15–2:15	Tues 15 Sept	Wed 16 Sept
2	Wed 19 Aug – 9:45–11:45	Wed 16 Sept	Thurs 17 Sept
3	Wed 19 Aug – 12:15–2:15	Thurs 17 Sept	Fri 18 Sept
4	Thurs 20 Aug – 9:45–11:45	Fri 18 Sept	Sat 19 Sept
5	Thurs 20 Aug – 12:15–2:15	Mon 21 Sept	Tues 22 Sept
6	Fri 21 Aug – 9:45–11:45	Tues 22 Sept	Wed 23 Sept
7	Fri 21 Aug – 12:15–2:15	Wed 23 Sept	Thurs 24 Sept

Note:

Cluster Rehearsals 6 & 7 occur close to the One Big Voice (21 August) date.

CONDUCTOR WORKSHOPS — 2026

Attendance at both workshops is essential.

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WORKSHOP 1

Friday 13 March 2026

- 9:00am – 3:10pm
- Morning tea & lunch provided
- Venue: St Anselm's Anglican Church, Kingsley

WORKSHOP 2

Saturday 1 August 2026

- 9:30am – 1:00pm
- Morning tea provided
- Venue: St Anselm's Anglican Church, Kingsley

COSTS (2026)

Rank	Students	Cost to School	+GST
Rank 1	1–20	\$500	\$550
Rank 2	21–50	\$560	\$616
Rank 3	51–75	\$615	\$676.50
Rank 4	76–99	\$685	\$753.50
Rank 5	100+	\$760	\$836
Affiliation fee (non-performing)	—	\$450	\$495

- Extra teacher attending PL: \$150 (incl. GST)
- Tickets: Sold through Ticketmaster (details TBC)
- No refunds after registration closes
- Regional Schools Mini Festival fee: \$400 (incl. GST)

AFFILIATION (NON-PERFORMING SCHOOLS)

If your school is not performing in 2026 but wants to access the MCF teaching and learning resources, select:

☒ One conductor → AFFILIATION

This provides access to the 2026:

- MCF App access
- Vocal line scores: online
- Backing tracks
- Rehearsal tracks
- Virtual access to teacher workshops
- All music and material: online

Not Included:

- Face to face access to teacher workshops
- Piano scores
- Teacher book

Please note that an Affiliate registration is available to all schools, primary, secondary, government and **private schools**.



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COMMISSIONED WORK:

The MCF commissioned work is not to be performed by any school before the 2026 festival.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS MINI FESTIVAL

A Regional Schools Mini Festival is a new registration option available to networks or groups of schools in regional areas of WA. Groups of schools can register together to access part or all the 2026 repertoire for a mini festival performance.

For more information about this registration option please contact the MCF committee at info@massedchoirfestival.org.au

REGISTRATION — 2026

Opens: 30 January 2026

Closes: Wednesday 25 February 2026

Register at: www.massedchoirfestival.org.au

Payment by credit card required at registration.

Please register early to support scheduling and to begin rehearsing in Term 1.

2026 MCF Committee

Stephanie Bojanich, Alison Conroy, Anni Crowe, Mary-Anne Goyder, Amy Hall, Mandy Herriman, Mirelle Hopwood, Kate Humphreys, Graham Jamison, Kirstin MacLean, Kailee Marshall, Tim Marshall, Lynda Pateman, Dixee Poh, Marsha Rowley, Emily Ruddock, Lana Winfield.

Kind regards,

Mary-Anne Goyder

Music Director

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