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CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to offer our students the opportunity to host the Australian Girls Choir in their homes for three nights. Fifty-six choristers between the ages of 10 and 17 will visit our school as part of:

- The Hobart leg of their VIC and TAS tour.
- They will be with us from the evening of Tuesday July 4 through to the morning of Friday July 7.
- During their time at the school they will run performing arts workshops and concerts with our students and perform at the Festival of Voices opening concert.

HOSTING REQUIREMENTS

We would like to invite you to host two or more choristers in your home:

- Girls must be hosted in pairs or more as this helps them to feel comfortable in a new home.
- It is not necessary for them to have a separate bedroom and mattresses on the floor or fold out beds are perfectly adequate.
- The Australian Girls Choir will provide all meals for touring choristers when they are not with their host families.
- It is appreciated that hosts provide breakfast each day and dinner on the Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (the Thursday evening girls will eat as a group prior to their Festival of Voices performance).
- Girls will need to be transported to and from school each day with your child except on the Thursday evening where a bus will return the girls to the school later in the evening following their Festival of Voices performance.
- State requirements in Tasmania dictate that all adults in the household (over 16 years old) must hold a Working With Vulnerable People Card. The cost to apply for this card is \$18 and the Australian Girls Choir **have offered to cover this fee** if it will assist any families who wish to host.

MORE ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

The Australian Girls Choir last visited our school in 2010 and we had a fantastic time workshopping together and exchanging activities.

- The girls were wonderful role models for our students. Host families couldn't have been more impressed with the way the girls conducted themselves in the family home. Siblings were sad to bid farewell to their temporary big and little sisters and many of the families kept in touch after the visit.
- Parents described the visit from the girls as enriching for their own children, with the girls being wonderful role models both in the home as they joined in on the family routine and at the school as young performing arts professionals.
- Comments from a recent host family include *"We hosted two girls 2 years ago and it was such a lovely experience that we decided to host again this year. These two were the most well-mannered guests we have ever had, noticing every detail of how to be of assistance and being alert to the ways of our family. They are open-minded, aware, and gentle, and full of life. Also, they manage on very little sleep!"*
- Founded in 1984 by Judith Curphey OAM, the Australian Girls Choir has 5,500 girls in training in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. The AGC is a much loved cultural icon; like no other choir these girls perform with a vibrancy and energy that has been embraced by millions worldwide.
- Singing for Nelson Mandela, Queen Elizabeth II, President Barack Obama, Dalai Lama, Oprah Winfrey and Ellen DeGeneres, with celebrity artists including Pharrell Williams, Hugh Jackman and Jessica Mauboy and at major events including the Australian Open Tennis Final, AFL Grand Final and the Melbourne Cup just a few of their crowning achievements
- For more information on the AGC visit www.ausgirlschoir.com.au

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN HOSTING

- If you are interested in hosting please email marla.leitch@catholic.tas.edu.au or call the office on **6229 0200** by **Monday May 15** and let us know how many choristers you are able to host
- Families will be selected on a 'first come, first served' basis and we will do our best to accommodate specific age requests should you have them.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact Ms. Leitch.

Yours sincerely

Ms Marla Leitch
Music Teacher

Mr. Brendan Gill and Mr. Joe Sandric
Co-Principals