

# Variety Choir Guidelines document

The Variety Choir is an inclusive group for young people who share a love of singing, music and performing. As well as enhancing members' musical development, the program strives to enrich the lives of each member by building self-confidence and encouraging meaningful connections with like-minded peers.

#### Objectives

- To increase self-confidence, both on and off the stage
- To nurture singing & performance ability
- To create an environment enabling friendships and comradery
- To provide an opportunity for children, regardless of circumstance, to explore their interest in singing and performing
- Provide opportunity to engage with the community through performance

## Eligibility

- Child must reside in WA
- Child must be aged between 7-17 years of age
- Child must be able to attend weekly rehearsals each Sunday during School term Child must have at least one adult family member / carer who is able to attend rehearsals
- Child is willing to be sing alongside and work together with peers
- Child has a basic level (and love) of singing
- Child has a goal to perform at events for Variety, corporates & public
- Child can thrive in a busy / loud sensory environment
- Child has the ability to practice songs in their own time between rehearsals
- Be willing to participate in a trial period to ensure it is the right fit

#### Examples of Choir activities

- Weekly rehearsals (Sundays) run by Choir Director and/or Choir Assistant
- Performances for Variety, Corporate & Public events
- Recording studio sessions for tracks
- Recreational/social activities on occasion
- Workshops hosted by guest facilitators on occasion



### How to apply to be a member:

- 1. Check eligibility
- 2. Complete the online Expression of Interest form available here <u>https://www.variety.org.au/wa/programs/choir/</u>
- 3. Be able to attend up to two sessions as a 'trial' to see if it is an appropriate fit for both Variety & the individual
- 4. Once trial is completed, complete membership form

## Additional information:

- If trial is unsuccessful, applicants may reapply after 12 months
- Once members reach 18 years of age, they will graduate from the program at the next graduation celebration (Term 3 holidays annually)
- A survey may be requested to be completed annually for feedback and measuring impact

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Kids Support team at: <u>kidssupport@varietywa.org.au</u>