



## A Guide to Auditioning for the Christchurch Boys' Choir

Thank you for applying to audition for the Christchurch Boys' Choir. We look forward to hearing you sing for us! We know auditions can be scary, so we've put together a little guide for what to expect. The audition is made up of 5 short tasks which are detailed below. There is no specific required "mark" on the tasks to pass the audition; the auditioner is just looking for a certain level of competency overall.

Task 1) National Anthem: The first thing you will be asked to do is to sing a verse of the New Zealand National Anthem in G major (in either English or Te Reo Māori). This will be accompanied by our pianist. We will be assessing: the accuracy and intonation (ability to stay in tune), vocal quality/tone and phrasing.

If you require sheet music to prepare for this, please contact the Musical Director by emailing [musicaldirector@christchurchboyschoir.co.nz](mailto:musicaldirector@christchurchboyschoir.co.nz).

Task 2) Note Recall: You will hear a note on the piano and be asked to sing it back to the auditioner on a "lah". This will be repeated for 5 different notes.

Task 3) Rhythmic Sight Reading: A four bar rhythm will be written out for you. You have 30 seconds to look at the rhythm and practice clapping aloud if you wish. You will then be asked to clap the rhythm at your own speed for the auditioner.

Task 4) Harmonic Recall: You will hear two notes at the same time on the piano. You will be asked to sing back either the top note or the bottom note on a "lah". This will be repeated 5 times.

That is all the tasks we will be assessing. The final task is **not** assessed and is used simply to determine the best place for you in the choir.

Task 5) Vocal Exercises: The auditioner will take you through a few exercises to determine your comfortable vocal range (i.e. how high and low you can sing). If you are successful in your audition, this will help us to put you in the correct section in the choir.

Thank you for taking the time to audition for CBC, we really look forward to hearing your voice in person. If you have any questions about the audition process (or the choir itself), please contact our friendly Musical Director via email ([musicaldirector@christchurchboyschoir.co.nz](mailto:musicaldirector@christchurchboyschoir.co.nz)) and they will get back your query as soon as they can.