Dear Parents

Interested students from the Pittsworth State School Choir are able to nominate to participate in next year’s Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage event as part of the Creative Generation Massed Choir. **In 2021, students from Year 3 – Year 6 are invited to participate.** The event will be held at the end of the first week of term three at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Staged by the Department of Education, Training and Employment, Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage is Queensland’s largest youth performing arts event for state school students. Talented dancers, singers and musicians from across Queensland state schools take centre stage with some of Australia’s leading performing artists in a cutting-edge arena event that includes a mix of musical genres such as classical, rock, pop, hip-hop, gospel, musical theatre and jazz.

The Massed Choir will incorporate the voices of approximately 500 students who will perform significant choral feature works, in addition to providing a spectacular aural and visual backdrop for the other performers on stage. All students nominating to be involved in CGEN 2021 will be part of the Massed Choir.

Interested students will need to commit to weekly rehearsals at Pittsworth State School, as well as rehearsals and performances in Brisbane. Other local schools – Biddeston State School, Mt Tyson State School, Southbrook Central and Pittsworth State High School – will also have students nominating for the Massed Choir in 2021.

Being involved in the Massed Choir will require attendance at all scheduled school rehearsals in Pittsworth, and at all scheduled Massed Choir rehearsals and performances in Brisbane. Parent transport is also required to and from the rehearsals and performances in Brisbane.

Each participating student will be provided with a complimentary CGEN performer’s t-shirt.

**Show Week**

Show week will be restructured for CGEN 2021, due to the current COVID-19 health crisis. A detailed COVID Safe Event Plan will be implemented and followed regardless of the easing of restrictions across Queensland, and may be heightened in the instance of a second wave. These changes include the introduction of online registration/check-in, doubling the backstage area and shifting the structure of the performances to allow for an increased cleaning period...
between audience departure and re-entry. As such, performances will be running across three days in 2021, please see dates and times below. The CGEN team are working to build a detailed show week schedule which will be distributed early in 2021, however as a guide for schools who have previously been involved, all scheduled activity will be pulled forward a day from previous years.

Costs associated with CGEN:

- **Purchase of a white button-up dress shirt ($25)**
  
  If students have their choir shirts from previous years they may be re-used if they are still in a presentable condition.

- **Purchase of long, black dress pants, black socks, and closed-in black shoes**

- **Accommodation in Brisbane for 3 – 4 nights** *(Wednesday, 14 July, Thursday, 15 July and Friday, 16 July – with the possibility of Saturday, 17 July)*

Key timelines for massed choir:

**Friday, 27 November 2020**  
Student ‘Expression of Interest’ forms due to school office

**Friday, 11 December 2020**  
School nominations due

**Monday, 15 February 2021**  
Invitations issued for massed choir

**February – June 2021**  
Weekly rehearsals held at Pittsworth State School

**Friday, 19 March 2021**  
Regional rehearsal (virtual – TBC)

**Wednesday, 26 May 2021**  
Massed Choir B Combined Rehearsal

**Sunday, 13 June 2021**  
Featured and Massed Choir combined rehearsal in Brisbane

**Wednesday, 14 July 2021**  
Massed choir rehearsal and full cast technical rehearsal at BCEC

Performance dates and times:

- **6.00pm, Thursday 15 July 2021**
- **12.00pm, Friday 16 July 2021**
- **7.00pm, Friday 16 July 2021**
- **2.00 pm, Saturday 17 July 2021**

Every year, Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage gives students, teachers and school communities the opportunity to be involved in a large-scale, award-winning event. For some of the students taking part, it is their first chance to perform on a big stage, in a highly professional production. CGEN rehearsals provide an opportunity for students to display and extend their talents and affiliations with professional artists beyond those ordinarily available in schools. Auditions, workshops and rehearsals give students a taste of the performing arts industry that has put many Queenslanders on the international stage. The confidence and experience gained from being involved with CGEN will help to prepare students for life beyond the school gate.
Please return the attached *Expression of Interest* form to the school office by **Monday, 1 February 2021**.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Mrs Beth Wheeldon Mrs Carol Ann Coonan
CGEN Choir Co-Ordinator Principal

*Further details can be found on the Creative Generation Website:*
https://creativegeneration.education.qld.gov.au/

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**Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage 2021**

**Student Expression of Interest**

Please return this form to the school office by **Monday, 1 February 2021**.

☐ I nominate my child to participate in the 2021 Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage event to be held in Brisbane from Wednesday, 14 July – Saturday, 17 July 2021.

☐ I understand that I will be responsible for organising my child’s transport and accommodation for the duration of Brisbane rehearsals and performances. I will also be responsible for purchasing uniforms.

☐ I also understand that my child would need to commit to weekly rehearsals at Pittsworth.

☐ My child has a white performance shirt in good condition.

☐ My child will need to purchase a white performance shirt. Size: __________

☐ I would appreciate a complimentary CGEN t-shirt for my child. Size: __________

Name of child: ___________________________________________ Year Level 2021: __________

Signature: _______________________________________________