

GONDWANA CHOIRS 2026 SONGFEST

Dear Parent/Carer,

This October, Gondwana Choirs is excited to be bringing Songfest back to Cairns, and we want your child to sing with us!

What is Songfest?

Songfest brings together young people from the Cairns region for some fun and inspirational days of choral singing. This year, we are delighted to showcase young choral talent in an exciting concert!

We are thrilled to welcome renowned **Australian conductor Paul Holley OAM** conduct our Songfest Choir. Paul will rehearse with the choristers during Songfest week, culminating in a concert in the wonderful acoustic of St Monica's Cathedral, alongside Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir and the Birralelee Voices.

Who are Gondwana Choirs?

Led by Artistic Director and Founder Lyn Williams AM, the ensembles of Gondwana Choirs have inspired audiences across Australia and around the world. Since 1997, many young musicians from Queensland and across Australia have been part of Gondwana's national choral program. In 2009, Cairns became the home of the Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir.

You have received this letter as your school or music teacher has selected your child to take part in this wonderful opportunity!

Dates

Please note, choristers must attend all rehearsals to be eligible to participate.

SONGFEST CHOIR

Year 5 - 9 students

Thursday 8 October Junior Eisteddfod Hall, 67-71 Greenslopes St, Edge Hill QLD 4870	4pm – 6pm: Rehearsal
Friday 9 October Junior Eisteddfod Hall, 67-71 Greenslopes St, Edge Hill QLD 4870	4pm – 6pm: Rehearsal
Saturday 10 October St Monica's Cathedral, 181 Abbott St, Cairns City, QLD 4870	1pm: Final rehearsal and soundcheck 4pm: Concert

Important information:

- There will be a cost of \$35 per student. Your school will collect this from you closer to the project dates.
- You will be provided with fantastic music tuition as well as a Songfest 2026 t-shirt to perform in and keep!
- Singers will be accompanied by a school staff member, their conductor or a suitable adult supervisor. Please contact your child/ward's school if you have any queries around supervision.

Any questions?

Your first point of contact is your school contact who gave you this form.

You're also welcome to contact the Gondwana Choirs team with any questions.

operations@gondwana.org.au

We ask that you complete all 3 pages and sign the registration form & return to your School or Music contact by Friday 28 August.