

ILLAWARRA TEACHERS' CHORAL CONDUCTING WORKSHOP

Learning Event Overview:

The Illawarra Primary Teachers' Choral Conducting Workshop will provide local choir teachers with the opportunity to learn from highly regarded choral conductor, Rachel Kelly.

Utilising the *Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble* as an example choir, this afternoon workshop will focus on warm-ups, vocal technique and communication through conducting gestures.

Learning Event Outcomes:

This workshop aims to develop the participant's knowledge and skills in the areas of conducting and choral performance skills. A range of content areas will be drawn upon:

- Promoting creativity and stylistic awareness
- Developing rehearsal strategies and refinement of choral performances
- Understanding the performance medium and fostering best teaching practice for choral music performance

Teachers will develop their skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- Warm-up technique
- The development of choral sound, intonation and articulation
- Selection of suitable choral repertoire for primary aged students
- Conducting techniques

Learning Event Information:

Date: Thursday 9 May, 2019 from 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Venue: Corrimal East Public School, Duff Parade, East Corrimal

Cost: Free (funded by the Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble Arts Grant)

Register through myPL by: Thursday 9 May 2019 by 3:00pm

Session Enrol: <https://myplsso.education.nsw.gov.au/q/NR16691>

The Illawarra Primary Teachers' Choral Conducting Workshop will contribute 1.5 hours of Teacher Identified Professional Development for those teachers maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW (2.1.2 and 7.4.2)

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Rachel Kelly is a music educator, choral director, singer, composer, arranger and piano accompanist. Rachel has taught music in primary and secondary schools in NSW and in Northern Ireland. She conducts the NSW Public Schools Junior Singers and is Choral Director at Pennant Hills High School. Rachel was the Choral Director of Southern Stars in 2017 and 2018. Since 2007 she has also regularly conducted at the Festival of Choral Music at the Sydney Opera House and the Primary Proms at the Sydney Town Hall. From 2007-2009 she was Assistant Choral Director of the Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Rachel has composed and arranged many choral works for young voices, some of which appeared in the Choral Time series. She has also composed for the AMEB Musical Theatre syllabus.