



14 August 2013

Dear Parents,

As you are aware Central Coast Symphonic Wind Orchestra has been invited to perform at NSSWE's Spring Music Festival on:

Saturday 7 September at 7pm in the Concert Hall, The Concourse, Chatswood

The Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) is an extension music program open to students of woodwind, brass or percussion from the northern Sydney region. Our Spring Music Festival promises to be an exciting concert series showcasing over 40 schools from our local community.

Arrival & Drop off

Your school band has been allocated a muster point as shown below and on the attached map. Please drop your child off in their band uniform punctually at the muster point and have their name marked off the roll. The supervisors from your school will move the children through the stage door at a set time. As we need to enter, off load instruments and seat more than 300 performers per concert each school has a small window of time to enter the stage door and performers can only enter in their school group. Due to strict venue regulations individual children cannot be received at the stage door, and late arrivals may be unable to perform.

Your child's muster point is:	E
Your muster (arrival) time is:	5.50pm
Your child needs:	Instrument, music, light snack and drink
What your child should wear:	Band uniform

Road Closures (Saturday 7 September Only)

The NSSWE Spring Music Festival is part of the Willoughby Spring Festival which includes a street fair on Saturday 7 September around Chatswood town Centre. This will involve road closures as set out clearly in the attached document from Willoughby Council. In terms of transport and parking, it is recommended that participants in the Saturday matinee concert use public transport. However, access to the Concourse Car Park in Ferguson Lane will still be open along with access to Chatswood Chase and Westfield car parks. With this in mind, please allow plenty of time to get to the venue on Saturday to avoid unnecessarily stressing your child.

Dismissal and Pick up

During the concert and interval, students will be seated in the Dress Circle with their Conductor and supervisors. For security reasons, and out of respect for all the other school bands taking part, children will not be dismissed until concert is finished. When the auditorium lights go up, musicians will be escorted back to their warm up room to collect their belongings. They will then be taken back to their muster point, band by band, to meet you. In summary, **when the concert has finished, please return to where you dropped your child off to collect them. Students will not be released from Stage Door.**

Please make sure you're your child has eaten before coming to the concert. A non-sugary drink and a sandwich may be brought into the backstage area.



The NSSWE Spring Music Festival provides school bands with the opportunity to perform in one of Sydney's newest concert halls in front of an appreciative audience. There is no pressure or competition involved. I am sure you will be thrilled to see your child on this world-class stage and I encourage you to invite your family, relatives, friends and neighbours to enjoy this musical event and to show your support for all the young musicians.

Buy your Tickets!

Tickets are now on sale through the following channels:



www.ticketek.com.au



In person at The Concourse Box Office, 9am-6pm Monday - Friday,
1300 795 012

Please enter this code
when booking your tickets

CENT

Tickets have been priced very reasonably so that all family members enjoy the performances:

\$19.50 per adult, \$15 per child (under 15), \$60 family of 4, (booking fees apply)

For more information on NSSWE's Wind Ensemble and Stage Band program, please have a look at our website www.nsswe.org.au. Your band co-ordinator has further promotional information about our Spring Festival to give to you.

If you have any questions about the event please talk to your band conductor or coordinator who should have all the information necessary to answer your query.

I look forward to enjoying the talent of your students at the NSSWE Spring Music Festival.

Kind regards,



Mandy Arnold
NSSWE Manager