



CCYO Performance Update

To: Central Coast Youth Orchestra
From: Patrick Brennan
Date: Wednesday 12 August 2026

Information re: *Premier Ensembles Concert and the Elijah Orchestral Workshop
Saturday 29 August 2026*

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

It's great to be back from my sabbatical and working with the Youth Orchestra again. The students have made excellent progress on the repertoire and I'm excited about their upcoming performance of **Mendelssohn's *Elijah*** with the Central Coast Philharmonia Choir.

After careful consideration I have decided to change the performance program for the CCYO for this term. The change will see the orchestra **NOT** participating in the upcoming Premier Ensembles Concert on Saturday 29 August. Instead, I would like the students to participate in an orchestral workshop that will be run on the same day from 10am to 3pm at the Conservatorium at 45 Mann Street Gosford.

The rationale behind this change is to enable the orchestra to focus on preparing for their performance of ***Elijah*** scheduled to take place on Saturday 19 September at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Woy Woy.

Elijah is a challenging work for any orchestra hence, focusing on this work alone and participating in the orchestral workshop mentioned earlier will generate the best outcomes for all involved in the project. Please note that **Saturday String Program** students will be expected to attend the workshop instead of their regular sessions. Furthermore, I request that all CCYO musicians adjust their dairies to prioritise the workshop so that we all get the most out of the day.

Elijah Orchestral Workshop Saturday 29 August details

10.00am – 3.00pm	CCYO	Rehearsal Studio Mann St Campus
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I look forward to seeing you all at our performance of ***Elijah***.

Kind regards,

Patrick Brennan