

DPAC Extra-Curricular Choral Program Description (Elementary)

<p>VSB K-7 Music Mission Statement</p> <p>A consistent, robust, inclusive, experiential music program based on active music making including Indigenous musical opportunities which respect cultural protocols and nurture the unique and diverse culture of each school community.</p>	<p>"Music listening, performance, and composition engage nearly every area of the brain ... and involve nearly every neural subsystem." – Daniel J. Levitin from: <i>This is your Brain on Music.</i></p>
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Students will learn healthy vocal production and musicianship while exploring diverse repertoire. At every rehearsal there is a professional pianist to encourage tuning and experience live music making. Regular attendance is strongly recommended as a new song is introduced each class. Early in the rehearsal process, students receive a folder of music to be brought each week to choir. The music has been carefully chosen with the children's vocal health and abilities in mind.

Singing and choir is a performing art that is meant to be shared. The conductors will strive to have the students present a selection of songs to their school and/or parents and friends at the end of each term. Where practical, performing opportunities for the choirs in the community will be arranged.

Kindergarten student participation is at the discretion of the conductor. Some Ks may not be ready for the program in the first term. It's a lot to handle that first couple of months!