

25th Residential Summer String Camp

Camp Clayton, Ulverstone
Sunday January 18th to Saturday January 24th, 2015

Information Sheets

These pages provide RSSC applicants with more detailed information about the Residential Summer String Camp.

If you have not yet obtained an application form, you can download it from the RSSC website, www.lyco.org.au/rssc.

If you have questions, ask one of the contacts on page 7.

Please read all this information carefully.

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I What to bring

Please make sure everything is **clearly marked with your name**.

There is no way to spend money at the camp, and therefore no need to bring any.

1.1 Everyone

- Sleeping bag or sheets and bedding
- Pillow case (pillows are provided)
- Towel
- Sunscreen and hat
- Toiletries and personal items
- Warm clothing and waterproof coat (weather can be unpredictable!)
- Suitable casual clothing for everyday wear (concert dress is neat casual)

1.2 Musicians

- Musical instrument (arrange your own insurance for your instrument if you want it)
- Spare strings (especially upper strings)
- Any chamber music you have and may wish to bring (clearly named)
- Music stand (The camp is harsh on stands. Bring a cheap stand or a sturdy one, and **label it**.)

1.3 Going Swimming?

- Swimming gear
- Extra towel
- Thongs, sandals or other footwear you can walk in after swimming

1.4 Security

We take all care for belongings, but no responsibility. This includes musical instruments. We have never had a security problem at camp. We suggest all unnecessary valuables, including money and electronic equipment, are left at home. We do have a lockable office for special items. However, this should be for long-term storage only as our staff cannot provide frequent access to things like mobile phones.

1.5 Lost Property

Lost property may be found in the Dining Hall during the camp. If you are a parent attending the final concert, please check the lost property pile before going home. After the camp, Margaret Hoban takes lost property to her studio in Launceston. Contact Margaret (see section 9.1) to arrange a time to visit and retrieve it.

Unlabelled clothing will be donated to charity if not collected within one month after the camp. Unlabelled music stands will be gratefully accepted as donations to Margaret's collection.

1.6 T-shirts

We have T-shirts printed with the String Camp logo – a sample from the 2007 camp is shown here. If you want one, fill the appropriate circle on your application form. You will be directed to mail us your shirt, or to deliver it to a collection point in Hobart, Launceston or Burnie. Shirts must be delivered by **November 30th**.

Printed shirts may be collected on the first day of the camp.



2 Getting There

The address for Camp Clayton is **41 Clayton Road**. The turn-off to the camp is clearly marked on the Bass Highway between Turner's Beach and Ulverstone.

You may view the map and request driving directions at www.lyco.org.au/rssc/travel.

2.1 Taking the Bus

A **chartered bus** will leave Hobart at approximately 12:30pm, collect campers in Launceston around 3:00pm and arrive at Camp Clayton for registration. Passengers may be collected in other towns if requested. Adult supervision will be provided. If you wish to take the bus, you must request a booking on your application form.

Exact locations and times for the bus may change. For updates, visit <http://www.lyco.org.au/rssc/travel>. Please be present 15 minutes before the departure time to avoid delays.

Unfortunately, **there is no bus leaving at the end of the camp**, so you must make your own arrangements for travelling home.

3 Camp Rules

All campers must abide by the **RSSC Code of Conduct**. This is attached to the application form, and you agree to it when you sign your application. Our camps have always provided a relaxed, supportive and pleasant learning experience and campers must respect the rights of all others to enjoy this to the full.

4 Accommodation

You will be allocated to a cabin/room at registration. We will make every effort to place friends together in cabins as requested and to meet any other accommodation needs. Children under 18 will be allocated to one of the ten the Main Site Lodges. One camp parent is allocated to each lodge.

Adult accommodation is shared – there are only a few single rooms which are allocated on a needs basis. These rooms may incur an additional charge. Some self-contained units are available for campers with young families. Children under 6 stay free.

Due to the large number of chamber groups, your room may be needed for two hours of chamber music rehearsals each day.

5 First Aid

The RSSC First Aid Officer will be on-site for the duration of the camp.

6 Timetables

6.1 Sunday (January 18th)

4:00 pm	Registration opens Please report to the Registration Desk (to the right of the Dining Hall) as soon as you reach the site. You will be given a handout which includes your room, orchestra, chamber music tutor and dining room duty.
5:30	Assemble in Dining Hall for announcements
6:00	Dinner in the Dining Hall
7:30	Orchestra rehearsals This is the best time to tell us if your orchestra is too hard or too easy – don't wait for us to notice.
9:00	Supper
9:30	Electives Activities for older children in the Stadium



If lost or confused, find a purple LYCO shirt and ask the wearer for help. See the picture at right for an example of this shirt.

6.2 Typical Monday to Friday

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00	1 st session – orchestra rehearsals or sectionals
10:30	Morning tea
11:00	Chamber music
12:30 pm	Lunch
2:00	2 nd session – orchestra rehearsals or sectionals
3:30	Afternoon tea
4:00	Electives, masterclasses and activities
6:00	Dinner
7:30	3 rd session – orchestras
9:00	Supper
9:30	Optional chamber music or, electives and activities

This timetable will vary slightly each day. The whiteboard in the Dining Hall will always have the latest updates.

Bedtimes for children will vary according to the age of the campers in each cabin.

6.3 Saturday (January 24th)

Saturday is spent alternately cleaning up and rehearsing for the Orchestra Concert (see page 6). The Orchestra Concert runs from **2:00 pm** to **3:30 pm**.

All campers must leave Camp Clayton by **4:00 pm**.

7 Timetable Items

7.1 Meals

All meals will be in the Dining Hall. We also make announcements during mealtimes.

Almost all campers will be assigned to either serve at or to tidy the Dining Hall after certain meals. Check your assignment as soon as you register, as you may be serving on the first day of the camp.

7.1.1 Special Diet Requirements

We must know about any special diet requirements at least four weeks before the camp starts. If you require a non-standard diet, including vegetarian, note this on the application form. If you have intolerances or allergies, Virginia will contact you for details.

In either case, you will be issued with a card identifying your diet will need to present it at all mealtimes. You will not be able to vary your diet requirements without sufficient advance notice.

7.2 Orchestras

Orchestra rehearsals are the core of the camp. You choose your orchestra on your application form; we will announce which room each orchestra and sectional rehearsal is in.

7.3 Chamber Music

Every musician at the camp is in a chamber music group. As in 2013, the 2014 chamber groups will be like-instrument groups.

If you have an existing string quartet organised with other campers, you will have the option to work with a tutor as an afternoon elective. These and other electives may perform at meal times.

The Friday evening concert will be for the like-instrument groups only.

7.4 Electives, Masterclasses and Activities

7.4.1 Electives

Your tutors may offer to teach some unusual styles or advanced techniques during the afternoon or evening time slots. Check the whiteboard during the camp for the electives offered during each afternoon.

7.4.2 Masterclasses

In a masterclass, you will be asked to play a solo or small ensemble piece you are familiar with. A tutor will then examine and improve your performance, often suggesting techniques that may be new to you. This is a group activity; other campers will learn from your instruction and you will learn from theirs.

This is not fun, but it is educational. If you are interested, register for a Masterclass on your application.

7.4.3 Activities

Fun activities will be arranged for each day, usually during the afternoon. These will be listed on the whiteboard in the Dining Hall. Places in each are limited, so you must **register with the Activities Coordinator** once they are announced.

During this time there are no rehearsals planned, so adults may join in electives or activities, have a rest (!) or make their own arrangements.

7.4.4 Swimming

Swimming is sometimes scheduled as one of the afternoon activities, when tides are safe and registered life-guards are present. Under-18s may only swim at these times.

As with other outdoor activities, swimmers must register with the Activities Coordinator.

8 Concerts

The String Camp will end with two concerts. At the **Chamber Music Concert**, each chamber group will perform a selection from the pieces they've studied for the week. It will run from **7:30 pm** to **9:30 pm** on **Friday, January 23rd**. This will be an informal concert, possibly outdoors. Warm clothing is recommended.

The **Orchestra Concert** will feature the four camp orchestras. It will run from at **2:00 pm** to **3:30 pm** on the afternoon of **Saturday, January 24th**. This is in the Stadium – the largest building on the Camp Clayton site.

8.1 Concert Guests

Family and friends of campers are welcome to attend both concerts. However, please mention estimated concert guests on your application form. Due to the size of recent camps, we **cannot** offer meals or accommodation to concert guests, even on Friday night before or after the Chamber Music Concert.

If you need a place to stay, the lists at www.lyco.org.au/rssc/accommodation may help.

9 Contacts

9.1 People

Name		Telephone	e-mail
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9.2 During the Camp

Only Virginia (contact details above) will respond to messages during the camp. Please use e-mail or SMS except in emergencies.

9.3 Postal

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