

4. Membership:

- 4.1. **Member schools or groups** Membership of the Association shall be open to:
- 4.1.1. All individual state, integrated and registered independent primary and intermediate schools of the Christchurch Metropolitan area, and
 - 4.1.2. Individual state, integrated and registered independent primary and intermediate schools outside the Christchurch Metropolitan area as may be approved by the Executive at its absolute discretion, and
 - 4.1.3. Groups of state, integrated and registered independent primary and intermediate schools acting as a combined collective, **or groups of children brought together outside of a school as a collective**, as may be approved by the Executive at its absolute discretion.
 - 4.1.3.1. The sole purpose of collective membership is to enable the involvement of small schools **and individual children who otherwise would not be able to participate in the Festival.**
 - 4.1.4. Any school, or combined schools, **or group** which meet(s) the criteria for membership above, **and which further meet(s) any additional entry criteria as determined annually by the Executive**, and which agree(s) with the objects of the Association may, subject to the approval of the Executive, become a member school of the Association by application in writing and upon payment of the annual subscription.
 - 4.1.5. The membership of a school in the Association is vested in the principal of the school or any person acting as principal of the school. The principal of the school may delegate representation of the school at meetings of the association.
 - 4.1.5.1. **Where a group of schools joins as a collective, membership will be vested in one of principals of the schools in the group as determined by the group of schools.**
 - 4.1.5.2. **Where a group of individual children joins the association, membership will be vested in the conductor of the group.**