

THE VERA CHIDLOW SCHOLARSHIP

(Secondary Pianoforte)

Norah Veronica Chidlow was born in Perth in 1897 and died in 1986.

Vera attended the St Joseph's Parish School in Northam, run by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition. It was there that she commenced her musical studies. At the age of ten, she commenced playing the organ for services in the Parish Church in Northam and continued as official organist until her retirement at 75 years of age.

Vera worked diligently at her musical studies and successfully completed all grades of piano and theory of music - Trinity College of London Examinations. By her eighteenth birthday, she had gained her certificate for pianoforte teaching.

Vera also studied the violin and cello, and organised a 4/5 piece orchestra to play at dances in the Northam District. She was constantly in demand to accompany solo singers or violinists as well as adult and school choirs.

Vera had a keen interest in assisting aspiring musicians, giving freely of her time, energy and musical talent during her long association with the community and Parish of Northam spanning over 80 years.

The Scholarship named in her honour is open to Secondary Students in all Catholic Schools entering the Pianoforte Section of the Festival, to promote musicianship and to enable the recipient to undertake further musical studies.

The donors of the Scholarship are the family of the late Nora Veronica Chidlow. The donors stipulate that the Scholarship be awarded to the performer in the Pianoforte Section whom the Adjudicator considers to show outstanding potential. Performers are only eligible to receive this Scholarship once.

The value of the Scholarship is \$500.