

"My daughter graduated 5 years ago, and I now realise the transformative, positive impact that visual art subjects have had in her personal and professional growth. I cannot encourage other parents enough to see the value it brings to their child's holistic development!"

- Testimonial from Jacinta (parent)



Visual Arts develops skills that are **transferable** across a **diverse** range of disciplines.

No matter what your child chooses to study, engagement with the arts will support their **success**.

Yr.7 key learning areas:

Artistic Awareness & Skills Development

Develop a deeper understanding of how artists, craftspeople, and designers convey ideas through diverse practices, while refining perceptual and conceptual skills.

Materials, Techniques & Sustainability

Learn material properties, techniques, and technologies to create artworks and sustainable practices.

Cultural & Social Contexts

Explore the influence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other cultures, as well as historical and social contexts, and the evolution of art styles and ideologies over time.

Critical Thinking & Art Interpretation

Analyse artistic influences over time, develop informed opinions through research, and consider diverse cultural and historical perspectives.

Art Creation & Exhibition

Design, create, and evaluate artworks based on themes or concepts, and exhibit works individually and collaboratively.

Personal & Academic Growth

Explore personal and cultural artistic practices, the roles of artists and audiences within global contexts, and refine artistic identity through continued learning.

(Sourced from ACARA, n.d)

WELCOME TO YEAR 7
ART & DESIGN DEPARTMENT

VISUAL ARTS

OPEN YOUR EYES TO
INFINITE POSSIBILITIES



Relevant life skills

Key 21st-century skills, such as critical thinking, metacognition, communication, collaboration, and innovation, should be strengthened through learning activities that develop higher-order thinking (*Wijayati et al., 2019*). Arts education equips students with essential skills, especially in secondary school, where developing these abilities is more important than ever (*Garrett, 2009*). As global challenges like climate change require international collaboration and creative problem-solving, art education plays a crucial role in preparing students to navigate, adapt, and thrive in an ever-changing world (*MCEETYA, 2008*).

The Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (*MCEETYA, 2008*) advocates that all young Australians become:

- Confident and creative individuals
- Active and informed citizens
- Successful learners

Our arts department is committed to achieving these goals!

Future pathways...

YR. 9-10 ELECTIVES

- Ceramics
- Photography
- Media
- Textiles & Product Design
- Technology: Wood, Metals & Plastics
- Visual Communication Design

VCE SUBJECTS

Current study designs offered include (VCAA, 2025):

- Arts Creative Practice
- Art Making & Exhibiting
- Media
- Visual Communication Design

CAREERS

- Artist
- Graphic Designer
- Illustrator
- Photographer
- Animator
- Interior Designer
- Fashion Designer
- Architect
- Filmmaker or Videographer
- Art Teacher
- Art Historian or curator

Why visual arts?

"Art teaches you to deal with the world around you. It is the oxygen that makes all the other subjects breathe"

--Alan Parker, filmmaker



ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- Critical thinking
- Creativity & imagination
- Problem-solving ability
- Personal expression
- Technical skills in a variety of art forms, mediums & processes
- Cognitive & social-emotional development
- Literacy & numeracy competencies
- Spatial reasoning
- Focus & discipline
- Research skills