

1.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY

- 1.1 To ensure that all students have access to, and involvement in, a range of Arts experiences.
- 1.2 To provide opportunities for students to develop and extend their knowledge, skills and confidence in The Arts.
- 1.3 To develop an appreciation for, and to foster creativity and self expression in The Arts.

2.0 PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 All students should have access to and be encouraged to participate in the Arts.
- 2.2 The Arts program should be organised to ensure continuity from one year to the next.
- 2.3 The Arts program should be relevant to the students understanding and experiences, and should extend and build upon the skills, abilities and interests of students.
- 2.4 Student involvement in the Arts should lead to:
 - 2.4.1 A deeper appreciation of The Arts:
 - 2.4.2 A greater awareness and participation in The Arts:
 - 2.4.3 Stimulated creativity and self expression.

3.0 HOW THIS POLICY WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE

- 3.1 All students from Prep to year 12 will be offered strands of The Arts by specialist teachers.
- 3.2 All students from Prep to Year 6 will experience a variety of arts disciplines.
- 3.3 At year 7 students will have the opportunity to experience a recommended minimum number of arts elective units that run alongside core unit offerings
- 3.4 Year 9 to 10 students will experience a recommended minimum number of elective units in the Arts
- 3.5 Year 11 and 12 / VCE students will be offered units 1-4.
- 3.6 Students will be provided with suitable materials and tools. In some cases via the implementation of a levy for consumable materials where the subject has specific material requirements
- 3.7 Programs will be implemented in suitably equipped classrooms.
- 3.8 Exposure to the broad and varied elements within the Arts will be enhanced by excursions, cultural activities, workshops and guest speakers and artists.
- 3.9 Students will have the opportunity to participate in the Arts following current DEECD curriculum guidelines and VCE Study Designs will form the basis of the curriculum.
- 3.10 Safe work practices will be systematically taught, encouraged and reinforced in all of the Arts.