

## The Arts and Creative Industries

From 2015 Creative Arts at Coolum State High School will follow The Australian Curriculum: The Arts across Years 7 - 10 in the following subjects Visual Art, Drama and Music. Students in Senior Secondary, Years 11 and 12, follow work programs approved the Queensland Studies Authority.

ACARA defines The Arts as having the capacity to engage, inspire and enrich all students, exciting the imagination and encouraging them to reach their creative and expressive potential. Together they provide opportunities for students to learn how to create, design, represent, communicate and share their imagined and conceptual ideas, emotions, observations and experiences.

Rich in tradition, the Arts play a major role in the development and expression of cultures and communities, locally, nationally and globally. Students communicate ideas in current, traditional and emerging forms and use arts knowledge and understanding to make sense of their world. The Australian Curriculum: The Arts values, respects and explores the significant contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to Australia's arts heritage and contemporary arts practices through their distinctive ways of representing and communicating knowledge, traditions and experience. In the Arts, students learn as artists and audience through the intellectual, emotional and sensory experiences of the Arts.

They acquire knowledge, skills and understanding specific to the Arts subjects and develop critical understanding that informs decision making and aesthetic choices. Through the Arts, students learn to express their ideas, thoughts and opinions as they discover and interpret the world. They learn that designing, producing and resolving their work is as essential to learning in the Arts as is creating a finished artwork. Students develop their Arts knowledge and aesthetic understanding through a growing comprehension of the distinct and related languages, symbols, techniques, processes and skills of the Arts subjects. Arts learning provides students with opportunities to engage with creative industries and arts professionals.

The Arts entertain, challenge, provoke responses and enrich our knowledge of self, communities, world cultures and histories. The Arts contribute to the development of confident and creative individuals, nurturing and challenging active and informed citizens. Learning in the Arts is based on cognitive, affective and sensory/kinesthetic response to arts practices as students revisit increasingly complex content, skills and processes with developing confidence and sophistication across their years of learning.

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