

ARTS

NARANGA SCHOOL POLICY

Rationale:

- The Arts are unique, expressive, creative and communicative forms that engage students in critical and creative thinking and help them understand themselves and the world around them. In every society the Arts play a pivotal role socially, economically and culturally. The Arts encourage the development of skills and the exploration of technologies, forms and processes through single and multimodal forms. They fuel the exploration of ideas that cross the gamut of human emotions and moods through holistic learning using cognitive, emotional, sensory, aesthetic, kinaesthetic and physical fields.

Aims:

- To promote students' physical, mental and social development, enabling them to work creatively and co-operatively in a supportive and non-threatening environment.
- To provide students with experiences that develops their expressive and artistic potential.
- To teach skills, techniques and processes which enable students to explore, develop and express their own creative ideas.
- To develop students' abilities to perform or present their art work to others and to appreciate the efforts of others.
- To develop students' awareness of the social and cultural contexts of the Arts.

Implementation:

- Students at Naranga School will experience sequential Art, Dance, Drama, Music, Media and Visual Communication lessons, based upon the AusVELS Curriculum Level guidelines.
- Specialist teachers will provide Visual Arts, Music and Dance programs. Classes will embrace Drama, Media and Visual Communication and these will be integrated through classroom programs and practices.
- Learning opportunities must be provided that cater for the identified individual needs of each student.
- Students' progress towards their learning goals in the Arts, will be reported in half and end of year academic reports.
- Student progress will be formally monitored at regular intervals throughout the year, using teacher designed assessments and following departmental assessment schedules.
- Arts and classroom teachers will be allocated the responsibility of coordinating the school's annual theatrical production, as well as being responsible for coordinating the various community musical and performing artistic activities that occur each year.
- Students' success will be celebrated at assemblies and other school events.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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