

The Arts Policy

St Albans East Primary School



Date: August 2017

Rationale

The Arts enable students to develop their creative and expressive capacities by learning about the different practices, disciplines and traditions that have shaped the expression of culture locally, nationally and globally. Students are both artist and audience in the Arts. They make and respond and learn to appreciate the specific ways this occurs in different disciplines.

The Arts present ideas that are dynamic and rich in tradition. Through engaging in The Arts students are entertained, challenged and provoked to respond to questions and assumptions about individual and community identity, taking into account different histories and cultures. The Arts contributes to the development of confident and creative individuals and enriches Australian society. Students express, represent and communicate ideas in contemporary, traditional and emerging arts forms. In Dance, Drama and Music students explore the performing arts whilst in Media Arts, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design students explore the world of visual representation and expression.

(Taken from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority Statement)

Aim

Through an Arts program students:

- develop their intellectual, imaginative and expressive potential
- develop skills, techniques and a knowledge of processes as a basis for personal expression
- create, perform or present art works
- develop critical skills and an understanding of aesthetics
- develop an understanding of how the arts evolve within social, cultural and historical contexts
- enjoy participating in the processes of exploring, expressing, creating, presenting, performing, responding and interpreting to the arts.

Implementation

- All students at our school will study sequential Arts courses based upon the Victorian Curriculum.
- All teachers are required to work with their respective teams to contribute to the development and implementation of a viable and guaranteed Arts course for all students.
- The school will appoint an Arts teacher(s) who will provide The Arts program. The appointed teacher(s) will provide Music, Drama, Visual Arts, Media Arts and Dance programs.
- The school will offer private instrumental music tuition to students whose parents wish to pay for the service.
- The school will offer optional programs, such as Choir, Recorder and Dance groups.
- Specialist Arts teachers will provide learning opportunities that cater for the identified needs of each student.
- Student progress of the Arts will be reported in the half and end of year academic reports.
- Budgets that provide for the needs of the various Arts programs will be developed by Arts staff members and resourced by school council.
- The Arts teachers will be allocated the responsibility of coordinating the school's bi annual Arts Show, as well as being responsible for coordinating the various



community visual and performing arts activities that occur each year.



Evaluation

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



Review Year

2020