

ARTS POLICY

Rationale:

Participation in the Arts is a major source of creative, intellectual, physical, spiritual and emotional development, understanding and enjoyment. Comprehensive and sequential learning experiences in the Arts provide individuals with necessary skills, understandings and confidence to appreciate the Arts throughout their lives.

Aims:

To:

- develop students' intellectual, imaginative and expressive potential
- develop skills and techniques for personal expression
- create, perform or present Arts works to audiences
- develop critical appreciation and an awareness of aesthetics
- develop contextual understanding of the Arts
- develop aesthetic sensibilities for community and public artworks

Implementation:

1. Offer a school wide Arts program of learning opportunities catering for multiple intelligences and learning preferences through an age appropriate and sequential curriculum
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3. Have a range of art, music, dance, drama, media and visual communication experiences as prescribed in the Victorian Essential Learning Standards
4. Integrate the Arts with the rest of the APS curriculum
5. Timetable regular, shared planning to enable the implementation and review of the program
6. Report on student progress in the Arts each semester
7. Provide appropriate resources to support the Arts program
8. Appoint and support The Art staff to be responsible for the development and implementation of the Arts program.
9. Celebrate and support community-linked arts activities
10. Ensure the school's collection of artwork is integral to the learning environment.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school strategic plan review.

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