



CRANBROOK STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2026 Visual Arts Excellence Program

Rationale

The Arts is a powerful way of exploring the world, providing students the opportunity to utilise their curiosity and imagination to achieve success. Learning through and about The Arts enriches the experience of studying while at school as well as preparing students for life after school. Student participation in The Arts has been shown to have a positive impact on cognitive capacity, communication and social skills, improved academic outcomes and critical thinking skills.

The Visual Arts Excellence program is for creative and self-motivated students who want to extend their visual arts skills and understandings.

Aims of the program

Cranbrook's Visual Arts Excellence program endeavours to:

- Nurture students' personal and Visual Arts skills and attitudes empowering them to achieve their best
- Make opportunities for students to test and innovate with properties and qualities of available materials, techniques, technologies and processes
- Develop understanding of use and application of visual conventions as they develop conceptual and representational skills
- Explore a diversity of ideas, concepts, viewpoints, cultures and artists
- Inspire and encourage links between the school, the community and The Arts
- Experiment with a variety of art mediums

Outcomes for student

- Increased critical awareness, resilience, confidence, empathy and sense of individual identity
- Develop independent and innovative thinking in a fun and playful environment
- Increased opportunities to demonstrate creative ideas and skills
- Improved wellbeing- many students in the TALE study commented that arts lessons acted as an outlet for releasing the pressures of school as well as those of everyday life. (<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/talking-point/why-study-art>)



Cranbrook SS respectfully acknowledges that our school sits on the lands of traditional owners, the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People, and we pay our respects to their elders, both past and present.



Program details

- 15 students from years 4-6 will be selected into the program based on the following criteria:
 - Strong interest in visual arts
 - Attendance at audition classes Wednesday 4th February & 11th February between 3-4pm
 - Academic results
- Visual Arts Excellence will be held weekly Wednesday 3-4pm in The Arts Block
 - Students may need to work on selected tasks at home in preparation for the Wednesday class
- If the offer is accepted, students must meet a 90% attendance rate otherwise their position will be offered to another student

Interested? What's next?

If your child is interested in applying for the 2026 program, they must attend an audition class.

Final selection notices will be given to students on 13th February. Students not selected will be placed on a meritorious waiting list and when positions arise they will be invited to join.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 4726 1222.

Please Note: If your Student Resource Scheme fees have not been paid or a payment plan is not in place, your child is ineligible for the programme.

Regards,



Jan Cooper

