



CORINDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

VISUAL

ARTS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM PARENT HANDBOOK

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**Exceeds all Expectations**

## ***Rationale***

These programs have been developed for students with a strong interest in and enthusiasm for the Visual Arts. Studies have shown that study of The Arts often helps students to achieve excellent academic results in other subject areas through the promotion of healthy study and practice habits and creative thinking. Study in The Arts also provides students the inclusion of a social group of like-minded peers.

Students are highly motivated and focused when they learn within and through an area of great personal interest. Their developing interest in the Arts is fostered and extended while continuing to provide them with a highly engaging and broad curriculum. Intensive and continuous learning in Visual Art during Years 8 and 9 maximises student's results in the senior years of schooling.

We focus on the learner as an individual, relishing in and extending their visual art or music skills, often using these to provide a context to strengthen learning experiences in other subjects. Learning takes place in a strong, energetic arts environment where students learn with other like-minded visual arts able students.

Students express themselves with confidence in these collaborative learning environments as they learn to think deeply and creatively. As the cohesive group of learners develops, they strongly identify with the Arts faculty and its programs throughout all their high school years.

## ***Aims***

### **Visual Art Excellence**

The aim of the Visual Art Excellence program is to assist like-minded students develop their skills and enthusiasm for art making. They will be encouraged to produce high quality art in both 2 and 3 dimensional mediums. The students will be expected to explore the art making possibilities with medium such as Drawing, Painting, Photography, Ceramics, Mixed Media, Printmaking and much, much more.

The Junior Artists will be attending excursions to the Art Galleries to view both traditional and contemporary artists and during their 2 years studies in the Art Excellence program the students will be given the unique opportunity to work with a variety of artist. The students will always be encouraged to develop their own style of art making and a term 4 graduation exhibition will highlight the growth of each individual. Finally the Art Excellence program will allow students to excel in future Art studies throughout their high school Career.

## ***Program Information***

### **Entry Requirements**

Complete your expression of interest for your preferred signature programs on the enrolment form during the enrolment process.

Following receipt of your enrolment and application for one or more of these programs, the school will assess previous grades in class, and in specialist Arts programs. Students will be selected on the basis of their achievement, behaviour and effort in general school subjects, achievement, effort and behaviour in The Arts, extra-curricular involvement and recommendations/references from teachers/conductors.

### **Assessment and Reporting**

In Visual Art Excellence, students are assessed in four areas:

- Knowledge and Understanding
- Creating
- Responding
- Reflecting

### **Programme Overview**

As part of the Visual Art Excellence program your child will be challenged to create, deconstruct and analyse artistic works of the highest calibre. Students in the Visual Art Excellence program are challenged to exceed all expectations in Visual Art through:

- Workshops with guest artists and artist in residence programs – Excellence students will work with world class artist, for example:
  - Wendy Winsley – Ceramics
  - Joachim Froese – Photography
  - Nancy Torrens and Troy Little – Aboriginal Painting and Print
  - Adele Outridge – Artist Books
  - Narelle Oliver – Printmaking
  - Angela Purdy – Screen Printing
- Visits to the Brisbane Art Galleries including the Gallery of Modern Art. Students are guided through the exhibitions by experts and inspired by works from cutting edge and traditional artists.
- Early exposure to art making procedures often reserved for senior art students, as well as access to our outstanding visual art facilities, including:
  - Photography with access to our professional darkroom.
  - Ceramics with access to our professional kilns.
  - Digital Art with the Adobe Creative Suite.
  - Mixed Media.
  - Professional Canvas Painting.
- A challenging creative environment, where students are pushed to achieve their potential.
- Curating and hanging their own exhibitions at community events such as Arts Gala Evening and Visual Art Excellence graduation events.

The units and program provided below are an indication only. The program is tailored from year to year to match the interests and needs of the learners enrolled in the program. The units of work also change depending on the expertise of Artists/Musicians in Residence who work with the teacher and students.

Please note that participation in the Visual Art Excellence program is a two-year commitment. Students are required to complete both years of the course before changing to other elective areas.

Visual Art provides the tools for students to think and learn deeply in Visual Art. Learning is exciting because Visual Art and Digital technologies are used as the tools for project based investigative learning.

Mentoring by artists and arts industry specialists, visits to alternative learning locations, galleries and museums occurs regularly to strengthen the depth of learning

All units delivered are aligned with the Essential Learning’s identified by Key Learning Areas (KLAs) and mainstream curriculum at Corinda SHS.

	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	“This Is Me” - Canvas Painting (Archibald Junior Painting Award)	“Art in Print” – Printmaking
<b>Term 2</b>	“Bug’s Alive!”- Collage and Lino Block Printmaking	“Exploring The Third Dimension” - Ceramics
<b>Term 3</b>	<i>Students study health and nutrition this term. No Visual Arts Excellence classes.</i>	“Looking Through The Window” – Mixed Media
<b>Term 4</b>	“Catching The Light” - Pin Hole Photography	“Here I Am Again” – medium of choice, self-portrait.

### **Costs**

Be aware that an extra materials charge must be paid to participate in excellence programs. For Visual Art, the fee helps to support the large range of Visual Art resources used.

### **Participation requirements**

- We expect students to be committed, motivated and hard working in all their subjects. Their strong interest and commitment to excellence in Arts activities will have a positive impact on all areas of their learning.
- Students must ensure they remain eligible for school representation completing all assessment within negotiated schedules. See Corinda SHS’s School Representation Policy for further details.
- It is a privilege to be part of this program. Misbehaviour may result in expulsion from the Visual Art Excellence program.
- Students are required to be part of the program until the end of year 9.

## Pathways in Senior Schooling

The range of options available for further study in The Arts are outlined in the diagrams below.



# VISUAL ARTS

Year 8

CORE  
Visual Art  
VAR

Art Excellence  
By Invitation  
VAI

Year 9

ELECTIVE  
Visual Art  
VAR

ELECTIVE  
Digital Design  
Studies

Art Excellence  
Continuation  
VAI

Year 10

VET  
Certificate I in Visual Arts  
VVC

VET  
Certificate I in Creative  
Industries  
VCI

Year 11

VET  
Certificate II in Visual Arts  
VVI

VET  
Certificate II in Creative  
Industries (Media)  
VCM

AUTHORITY  
Visual Art  
ART

Year 12

VET  
Certificate II in Visual Arts  
VVI

VET  
Certificate II in Creative  
Industries (Media)  
VCM

AUTHORITY  
Visual Art  
ART

# PERFORMING ARTS

Year 8

ELECTIVE  
**Dance**  
DAN

ELECTIVE  
**Drama**  
DRA

ELECTIVE  
**Music**  
MUS

**Excellence in Music**  
By Invitation  
MUS

Year 9

ELECTIVE  
**Dance**  
DAN

ELECTIVE  
**Drama**  
DRA

ELECTIVE  
**Music**  
MUS

**Excellence in Music**  
Continuation  
MUS

Year 10

ELECTIVE  
**Dance**  
DAN

ELECTIVE  
**Drama**  
DRA

ELECTIVE  
**Music**  
MUS

Year 11

AUTHORITY  
**Dance**  
DAN

AUTHORITY  
REGISTERED  
**Dance Studies**  
DST

AUTHORITY  
**Drama**  
DRA

AUTHORITY  
**Music**  
MUS

VET CERTIFICATE  
**Certificate II in Music**  
(Music Industry)  
VMU

Year 12

AUTHORITY  
**Dance**  
DAN

AUTHORITY  
REGISTERED  
**Dance Studies**  
DST

AUTHORITY  
**Drama**  
DRA

AUTHORITY  
**Music**  
MUS

AUTHORITY  
**Music Extension**  
MUX

VET CERTIFICATE  
**Certificate II in Music**  
(Music Industry)  
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