



Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School

The Arts Statement

In the Victorian Curriculum F–10, the Arts includes Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts.

The Arts enable our 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 artists and audience in the Arts. They make and respond, and learn to appreciate the specific ways these occur in different disciplines.

The Arts contribute to the development of our students becoming confident and creative individuals. Our students express, represent and communicate ideas in contemporary and traditional art forms. In Dance, Drama and Music our students explore the performing arts while in Visual Arts our students explore the world of visual representation and expression.

The significant contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Australia's arts heritage and contemporary arts practices are explored across the Arts, and students are encouraged to respect and value these unique and evolving traditions.

At Our Lady of the Way School, The Arts are taught by both specialist teachers and classroom teachers. Prep to Year 6 students attend a Visual Arts lesson of 40 minutes each week with a Visual Arts specialist teacher. Performing Art lessons are conducted by a specific classroom teacher in the Art Room on a rotational basis within the junior and senior levels as a specialist class.

A whole school performance is held biennially on the 'odd years' to showcase learning in the Performing Arts and a Visual Arts showcase is held biennially in the 'even years'.

The evaluation of The Arts Statement will occur regularly as required.

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