

# Visual Arts

## At Fulham Gardens Primary School

### Why is Visual Arts important?

Visual Arts encourages the development of creativity, critical thinking, motivation and self-confidence. These are all skills that are necessary for innovation and to help students learn academically. We are teaching students a new method of communication through visuals and the power of imagination. Art education teaches students how to interpret, criticize, and use visual information, and how to make choices based on it. Knowledge about the visual arts, such as graphic symbolism, is especially important in helping students become smart consumers and navigate a world filled with visuals.



### Connections to curriculum areas

- History-** The role Art played in history and how it was the first form of communication.
- Society and environment-** Cultural awareness of different art forms
- English-** A different form of communication
- Maths-** Spatial awareness and measurement
- Science-** Mixing of colours and the natural environment

## STEAM CONNECTION

STEAM is a way for students to invent new and exciting ideas. Art is a large part of that. It is through creativity and thinking as an artist that new ideas can be visualized. The sheets we sleep in, bridges we drive across, the furniture we sit upon, cereal box and milk containers we use were all manufactured and influenced by the creativity and vision of an artist.



## Skills and processes taught in semester one

As an introduction to Visual Arts students were taught the fundamental processes and skills in creating masterpieces. These skills included;

- The proper way to hold a paintbrush
- How to plan your ideas first before starting on your final workpiece
- The colours of a rainbow
- How to sort a colour into warm or cool
- How to create different shades of a colour
- The definition of tone
- The colour wheel
- Sketching the outside environment
- But most importantly that every mistake can be turned into a MASTERPIECE



Art is a way to encourage the process and the experience of thinking and making things better!



## Creating powerful learners

The Visual Arts can contribute to creating a powerful learner in more than one way. It is through the skills and process taught in visual arts that can help with high order thinking.

**Motor skills:** : Many of the motions involved in making art, such as holding a paintbrush or scribbling with a crayon, are essential to the growth of fine motor skills in children. These processes can contribute to neater handwriting, drawing of straight lines and cutting paper.

**Decision making:** Art education strengthens problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. The experience of making decisions and choices in the course of creating art carries over into other parts of life. "If they are exploring and thinking and experimenting and trying new ideas, then creativity has a chance to blossom," says MaryAnn Kohl, an arts educator.

**Inventiveness:** When children are encouraged to express themselves and take risks in creating art, they develop a sense of innovation that will be important in their adult lives. The kind of people society needs to make it move

This term our focus will be: Aboriginal art