St. Theresa’s Primary School, Albion
The Arts Policy

Rationale:

The Arts provide an opportunity for students to express their ideas, feelings and beliefs and enable the development of their intellectual, spiritual, physical and emotional self. Through quality learning experiences, students are provided with necessary skills, enjoyment and confidence to develop their whole self.

Beliefs:

At St. Theresa’s Primary School we believe:
- The Arts program should provide quality and varied learning experiences.
- The Arts program should give all children the opportunity to develop their artistic talents.
- The Arts program will develop in the children the necessary skills to express and communicate their ideas and feelings.

Aims:

Through the Arts program students:
- Develop their intellectual, imaginative and expressive potential.
- Enjoy participating in the processes of creating, presenting and responding to the Arts.
- Develop the skills to make an informed personal response to all aspects of the Arts.
- Develop an understanding of the social, cultural and historical significance of the Arts.

Implementation:

- All students at our school will experience sequential Art, Music, Dance, Drama, Media and Visual Arts programs based on VELS standards.
- Art, Music, Dance, Drama, Media and Visual Communication will be covered through planned unit work and other Key Learning Areas, over a two year cycle or by the provision of specialist teachers.
- Provide opportunity for staff Professional Development in the Arts when relevant.
- Provide the students with the opportunity for personal piano tuition.
- The children are given opportunities to perform and display their work to an audience at various times of the year through art shows/displays, assemblies/reflections, choir, plays, class presentations, role plays, concerts, Christmas carol nights.