

The Art Project



It has long been recognised that participation in arts programs helps to build resilience and self esteem in young people. Art permits mistakes and this encourages self-directed learning. This self-directed learning enhances problem solving skills and promotes a sense of responsibility for self in students.

The Art Project involves students designing and creating an artwork using recycled materials. The program culminates in a public exhibition of the students' work and provides them with an invaluable opportunity to be seen and heard within their community.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of The Art Project is to offer students a supportive and interactive setting in which they can enhance their practical skills with a range of different art mediums and expand their general knowledge of art. The objectives of the program are as follows:

- To offer new and less restrictive challenges for those students who are already meeting scholastic requirements, thereby combating boredom and complacency.
- To provide students with an opportunity to experience meaningful community affirmation.
- To offer students a supportive and interactive setting that will enable them to enhance their practical skills in a range of different art mediums and expand their general knowledge of art.
- To expose students to well known local artists in order to provide a positive and integrating community experience.

The creation of an original piece of art enables students to reflect their own views and express their emotions and this is vital to their personal development.

The Art Project targets students in years 8 to 12 who have a strong interest in and commitment to the arts. The program runs for eight weeks, with one 2 ½ hour session per week.

Available resources for this project include a Manual.

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