Visual Arts

General Senior Subject

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School Code	ART				
Year Level	11 & 12		QCE Credits	4	
Subject Type	General Subject		VET Contribution	N/A	
Recommended Academic Performance	English—C Standard Successful completion of Year 10 Art or similar is highly recommended				
21 st Century Skills	Creative thinking Communication Collaboration and teamwork				

Visual Art provides students with opportunities to understand and appreciate the role of visual art in past and present traditions and cultures, as well as the contributions of contemporary visual artists and their aesthetic, historical and cultural influences. Students interact with artists, artworks, institutions and communities to enrich their experiences and understandings of their own and others' art practices.

Students have opportunities to construct knowledge and communicate personal interpretations by working as both artist and audience. They use their imagination and creativity to innovatively solve problems and experiment with visual language and expression.

Through an inquiry learning model, students develop critical and creative thinking skills. They create individualised responses and meaning by applying diverse materials, techniques, technologies and art processes.

In responding to artworks, students employ essential literacy skills to investigate artistic expression and critically analyse artworks in diverse contexts. They consider meaning, purposes and theoretical approaches when ascribing aesthetic value and challenging ideas.

Pathways:

A course of study in Visual Art can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of arts practice, design, craft, and information technologies; broader areas in creative industries and cultural institutions; and diverse fields that use skills inherent in the subject, including advertising, arts administration and management, communication, design, education, galleries and museums, film and television, public relations, and science and technology.

Objectives:

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By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- implement ideas and representations
- apply literacy skills
- Analyse and interpret visual language, expression and meaning in artworks and practices
- evaluate art practices, traditions, cultures and theories
- justify viewpoints
- experiment in response to stimulus
- create meaning through the knowledge and understanding of materials, techniques, technologies and art processes
- realise responses to communicate meaning.

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Structure:

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Art as lens	Art as code	Art as knowledge	Art as alternate
Through inquiry learning, the following are explored:	Through inquiry learning, the following are explored:	Through inquiry learning, the following are explored:	Through inquiry learning, the following are explored:
 Concept: lenses to explore the material world Contexts: personal and contemporary Focus: People, place, objects Media: 2D, 3D, and time- based 	 Concept: art as a coded visual language Contexts: formal and cultural Focus: Codes, symbols, signs and art conventions Media: 2D, 3D, and time -based 	 knowledge as artist and audience Contexts: contemporary, personal, cultural and/or formal Focus: student-directed 	 Concept: evolving alternate representations and meaning Contexts: contemporary and personal, cultural and/ or formal Focus: continued exploration of Unit 3 student-directed focus Media: student-directed

Assessment:

Schools devise assessments in Units 1 and 2 to suit their local context.

In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A–E).

Summative assessments:

Unit 3		Unit 4				
Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1):		Summative internal assessment 3 (IA3):				
Investigation — inquiry phase 1		Project — inquiry phase 3				
Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): 25%						
Project — inquiry phase 2						
Summative external assessment (EA): 25%						
Examination						

Cost:

It is expected that students studying this subject participate in BYOD. Please see page 155 for further information and device specifications.