The Arts Policy
St Albans East Primary School

Date: August 2014

Aim
Through an Arts program students:

- develop their intellectual, imaginative and expressive potential
- develop skills, techniques and a knowledge of processes as a basis for personal expression
- create, perform or present arts works

Rationale
The Arts are unique, expressive, creative and communicative for critical and creative thinking and help them understand themselves comprehensive and sequential learning experiences in the Arts with necessary skills, understandings and confidence throughout their lives.

- develop critical skills and an understanding of aesthetics
- develop understanding of how the arts evolve within social, cultural and historical contexts
- enjoy participating in the processes of creating, presenting and responding to the arts.

Implementation

- All students at our school will study sequential Arts courses based upon the Australian Curriculum in Victoria (AusVELS).
- All teachers are required to work with their respective teams to contribute to the development and implementation of a viable and guaranteed Arts course for all students.
- The school will appoint a Visual Arts teacher who will provide the Visual Arts program. An appointed Performing Arts teacher will provide Music, Drama and Dance programs.
- The school will offer private instrumental music tuition to students whose parents wish to pay for the service.
- The school will offer optional programs, such as Choir, Recorder and Dance groups.
- Specialist Arts teachers will provide learning opportunities that cater for the identified needs of each student.
- Student progress of the Arts, will be reported in half and end of year academic reports.
- Budgets that provide for the needs of the various Arts programs will be developed by Arts staff members and resourced by school council.
- The Arts teachers will be allocated the responsibility of coordinating the school’s biannual Arts Show, as well as being responsible for coordinating the various community visual and performing arts activities that occur each year.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.
Review Year

2017