Visual Arts (Art & Design)

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Subject Overview:
The visual art subjects of Art and Design provide students with opportunities to broaden their range of artistic experiences. Students develop lateral thinking and artistic presentation skills by undertaking practical projects in a variety of disciplines. In Art, these include drawing, painting, printmaking and 3D construction, whilst in Design they are based on the three areas of design - graphics, product and environmental. The theory topics within each course relate to the appreciation, analysis and history of art/design works. These are essentially creative subjects that cater for diversity and individual expression.

Middle School Pathway:
All Year 8 students undertake a compulsory semester of The Arts (Visual Art or Performing Arts). Students also complete a course in consolidating Media/ Research and ICT skills. In Year 9, students can select a semester of Art, Design or both. The focus in these introductory courses is on skill development, both in terms of lateral thinking and artistic presentation. Students maintain a sketchbook to document the development of their ideas, problem solving and experiments with methods and materials.

Senior School Pathway:
The Year 10 and 11 courses include Art, Design and Creative Arts (Media). As students further develop their skills, the emphasis is placed on independent learning and individual expression. In Year 12, students can select one of two full-year options - Visual Arts - Art Focus or Visual Arts - Design Focus. Both of these time-consuming options provide students with the opportunity to negotiate their practical projects and visual study topics.

Extra Features:
Students in each of the two Year 12 courses are invited to attend a two-day trip to Adelaide at the end of first term. Their year of study culminates in a public exhibition of their work in the Civic Hall Gallery. Students in all year levels may be involved in staging exhibitions, entering competitions, and creating art/design in the community, visiting local galleries and speaking to professional artists/designers.

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* All Visual Art courses are elective and involve negotiated tasks/topics

* These courses are sited to students who possess a flair for artistic presentation and who are good at creative/ lateral thinking, problem solving, time management and organisation. They cater for individual expression and independent learning.