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GALILEE REGIONAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL THE ARTS POLICY

Rationale

Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School places a high importance on The Arts. The Arts learning and teaching program at Galilee is based on the Victorian Curriculum and includes Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design.

The Arts enable students to develop their creative and expressive capacities by learning about the different practices, disciplines and traditions that have shaped the expression of culture locally, nationally and globally. Students are both artist and audience in the Arts. They make and respond and learn to appreciate the specific ways this occurs in different disciplines.

The Arts present ideas that are dynamic and rich in tradition. Through engaging in The Arts students are entertained, challenged and provoked to respond to questions and assumptions about individual and community identity, taking into account different histories and cultures. The Arts contributes to the development of confident and creative individuals and enriches Australian society. Students express, represent and communicate ideas in contemporary, traditional and emerging arts forms. In Dance, Drama and Music students explore the performing arts whilst in Media Arts, Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design students explore the world of visual representation and expression.

Aims

- To develop a balanced, integrated program that is meaningful and relevant, linked to other learning areas of the Victorian Curriculum.
- To develop the intellectual, lateral and expressive potential of each individual student.
- To provide an opportunity for exploration and self-expression in an environment of acceptance.
- To equip students with the skills, techniques and processes for their development within The Arts.
- To develop critical skills through describing, analysing, interpreting and evaluating arts works made by themselves and others.
- To enable all students to take risks, experience success and enjoyment, through a forum in which students are able to create, perform or present.
- To create an awareness and an appreciation of the diverse cultures of our global community.

Implementation

- Students will participate in a specialist Visual Art lesson each week
- Students will participate in a specialist Performing Arts lesson each week.
- Specialist and classroom teachers will work as a team to provide students with access to all areas of The Arts Victorian Curriculum.
- Specialist and classroom teachers will work together to provide students access to incursions and excursions that enhance the students learning
- The formation of links between The Arts and other learning areas.
- The provision of a variety of experiences that are relevant, authentic and include individual and group activities.
- The showcasing of learning in Visual Arts through an Art Show each year.
- The showcasing of learning in Performing Arts through a School Production every second year.
- Ensuring that respect and care for equipment and resources is shown.
- The development and implementation of safety procedures when using all equipment.