

The Arts

Visual Arts Summary

- **Art and Design**
Art and Design education provides a creative and interesting introduction to two areas increasingly recognised as necessary life skills: the ability to problem-solve and adapt ideas from research and a range of sources and the mastery of the design process to produce work of a professional quality. Art a fine arts course based around painting, sculpture and printmaking techniques. This course is aimed primarily at students who wish to study art for their own personal satisfaction.
- **Craft/Design**
Craft/Design is a course based around design awareness and problem-solving for a variety of situations ranging from the everyday to the aesthetic. The technical areas include ceramics, (making functional pieces from clay), textiles (fabrics, fibres and fashions) and jewellery design, (casting or construction).
- **Practical Arts**
Is a course that examines the role of the artist and designer in the community and in commercial situations. The techniques taught are variable but may include graphic design processes, illustration, computer graphics, production silk screening, as well as community work.
- **Photography**
The photography course is outcomes-based and is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to produce photographic images of a high standard. Photographic Systems Technology provides a very useful (though not compulsory) background for those who wish to further their studies in Upper School, where they will be able to develop abilities commensurate with a highly effective amateur or beginning professional photographers. Students will be provided with opportunities in the digital imaging technologies as well as the conventional film-based area.