

Visual Arts (Year 3/4) Extension Program

Dear Year 3 and 4 Parents and Carers,

Piara Waters Primary School runs a number of extension programs each term. These programs aim to challenge and extend students' knowledge and skills in their areas of strength while developing their employment skills, such as visual communication skills, teamwork, problem-solving, innovation, organisation, resilience, creating thinking and artistic creativity.

The Visual Arts Extension Program

The Visual Arts Extension Program will be run by the Visual Arts Specialist teacher – Mr Gazeas, for students in Years 3 and 4 who demonstrate strong artistic ability, creativity, commitment and a passion for Drawing and Painting.

To begin with, students will explore influential artists and art movements, analysing how visual elements and techniques are used to communicate ideas in Drawing and Painting. Students will then work on a major artwork over the course of the program. They will have the opportunity to plan, experiment, refine and complete a resolved piece. To conclude, students will present their final artwork along with an artist statement reflecting on their process and creative decisions.

Completed artworks will be exhibited at the school Science Expo in Term 4, and selected pieces may also be submitted to external student art competitions.

When will the program take place?

Extension Visual Art classes will be held on *Tuesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 am in Terms 2 (from 12th May) and 3. Students will miss their regular timetabled lesson at this time.*

How are students selected for this extension program?

This program is recommended for students with a strong interest in Visual Arts, particularly in Drawing and Painting, and a willingness to challenge themselves creatively. A student who signs up for this program should be able to attend weekly sessions over the period stated, be motivated to contribute to the tasks and work towards improving themselves. Only 20 of the strongest applicants will be selected.

Year 3/4 students who are interested in joining the program are invited to

- 1) Submit their written EOI (attached) to the office by Monday 4th May; AND
- 2) Attend a drawing-based selection session on Tuesday, May 5, from 8:30-9:30 in the undercover area. A still-life arrangement of fruit will be set up, and students will complete a one-hour A4 observational drawing. Students will submit their drawing at the end of the session, and it will be used as the primary selection tool for the program based on their drawing performance.

Families will be notified of the outcome during the week of the 4th of May.

If you have any questions, please email Mr Gazeas Aristotelis.gazeas@education.wa.edu.au

Miss Alison Ramm

Principal

Application for 3/4 Visual Arts Extension Program



Student Name: _____ Room: _____ Year: _____

Due to front office Monday, 4th May

1) Why would you like to join the Visual Arts Extension Program?

(Write 3–5 sentences about why you enjoy Visual Arts and what motivates you.)

2) What art skills or experiences do you feel most confident in?

(Examples: drawing, painting, shading, portrait, still life, landscapes, cityscapes, etc.)

3) I understand that my still-life drawing completed during the selection session will be used to determine whether I am offered a place in the Visual Arts Extension Program, based on the following criteria:

- *Observation & Accuracy:* The drawing shows accurate proportions and clear observation of the still-life setup.
- *Use of Line & Form:* Lines are confident and controlled; forms are clearly constructed.
- *Shading & Tonal Awareness:* The drawing includes shading that shows some understanding of light, shadow, and depth.
- *Composition & Use of Space:* The student uses the A4 page effectively and places objects thoughtfully.
- *Completion of Drawing:* The drawing is complete and demonstrates a full attempt within the given timeframe.

Yes

Commitment Agreement

I understand that I may need to complete some art planning or refinement during breaks.

I understand I need to attend every session unless I am sick and away from school.

I understand that I must demonstrate the school values and golden rules during the extension lessons to remain in the program.

Student signature: _____ Parent signature: _____