

# **THE ARTS POLICY**

## **PURPOSE**

The Arts are recognised at Devon Meadows Primary School as being a means of expression and communication within all societies. Through the study of the Arts children should explore their own cultural and social identity, past and present as well as the cultures and traditions of other societies within Australia and in other international contexts.

We aim to provide children with a range of stimulating experiences to enable them to develop in the area of the Arts.

Children need to encounter different ways of experiencing, developing, representing, presenting and understanding emotions, ideas, cultural and value beliefs in a non-judgmental form. They need to be encouraged to solve problems, be imaginative, questioning and take risks.

We aim to develop the intellectual and the expressive potential for the students through a range of aural, spatial, kinesthetic, interpersonal and visual experiences.

## **GUIDELINES**

The Arts will be integrated through all KLA's where possible. When planning teachers need to consider all areas of the Arts which include; for levels 1 – 4:

The Performing Arts; Dance, Drama, and Music.

The Visual Arts: Media and Visual Arts

That planning be based on AUSVELS.

Each area should include:

- Developing skills for exploring, creating, making and presenting work in a variety of mediums.
- Responding critically and aesthetically in past and present contexts.

The Arts curriculum Levels 1-4 aims to develop in students:

- Sequential experiences for the development expertise across the Arts.
- The ability to use skills, processes and design elements to express ideas and feelings relevant to them in their understanding of the world.
- The ability to work cooperatively, presenting and performing to a variety of audiences.
- Skills in critical and aesthetic description, analysis, interpretation and evaluations of their own and others art work.
- An understanding that the Arts evolve within particular social and cultural contexts.

## **EVALUATION**

Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Arts policy will be according to the children's abilities when assessed by the appropriate outcomes for each level in the AUSVELS documents.

The Arts policy statement will be reviewed according to the school's cyclical review process. This policy will be reviewed in Nov 2015. The program will be reviewed annually in accordance with program budget guidelines.



COUNCIL APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

