

Not only for school **but for life**



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Vision

Wellbeing: Adelaide High School values the achievement of individual and collective excellence and encourages the social, emotional, intellectual and physical development of all members of our community.

Learning: We build upon our linguistic and cultural diversity by offering a wide range of active learning opportunities connecting our school with local, national and international communities.

Culture: We value teamwork, reflection and sharing good practice.

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Our School Priorities

We are committed to challenging our students to use their abilities and interests to maximise their individual potential by striving to further develop:

1. **Wellbeing:** A safe and welcoming environment based on respect.
2. **Learning:** Student learning outcomes through:
 - explicit teaching and learning using a range of resources and methodologies, including ICT.
 - varied curriculum and co-curricular programs.
 - a range of learning opportunities, local, national and international connections and communities.
3. **Culture:** A school community that sets future directions, honours its traditions and acknowledges and celebrates its diversity.

Adelaide High School Creative Arts

At Adelaide High School, through the active involvement in practical Arts experiences, students develop creative and powerful ways to express themselves. They learn to understand the concepts, conventions, skills and techniques of each of the major arts forms offered including; Drama, Music, Art, Design, Video Production, Theatre Production, Digital Art and other hybrid forms or combinations of these.

In the Visual Arts, we create and incorporate various success-orientated teaching and learning practices that will develop in students the confidence to use and implement various Art and Design media. Students learn to appreciate and reflect upon the work or artists and designers, gaining an appreciation of arts concepts and processes. They can also explore the use of ICT in the Arts and its use as a media source to assist in the creative process. At Adelaide High School, there are opportunities for students to exhibit their work, both within the school and at other venues.

In Drama and Music it is a priority that students develop confidence in self and others. Students learn to work as individuals and as members of production/performance teams and to assume specific roles and responsibilities in the development and production of arts works, which achieve particular responses from audiences/viewers. Students have the opportunity to undertake instrumental lessons whilst studying Music. There are numerous opportunities for students to explore co-curricular opportunities in Drama and Music.

Creative Arts Opportunities

Students at Adelaide High School are also provided with various co-curricular initiatives that may not normally occur as part of the day to day programs within the school.

- School Musicals occur biennially and provide students from Years 9 – 12 an opportunity to perform to a public audience in a professional manner. The cast, band and technical crew of approximately 60 students rehearse over a 4 month period culminating in public and primary school performances. Past musicals include: *Guys and Dolls*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Man O Steel*, *Disco Inferno*, *Back to the 80's* and *Leader of the Pack*. The 2013 musical is *The Wizard of Oz*.
- In 2010, a new initiative in the Creative Arts was born: the Running with Scissors Theatre Company. This company was formed to allow students the ability to improve their skills as an actor/performer whilst working in a professional environment at 'Higher Ground' in the Adelaide CBD. Students can also learn skills in Administration, Stage Management and Technical Production. Students from Years 8 to 11 can audition to gain the right to join the company. The company have performed *rorriMMirror*, *Miss Pettigrew's Little Book on Etiquette for the Young Existentialist* and *Tinker's Curse*.
- Performance ensembles at Adelaide High School include Stage Band, Concert Band, String Ensemble and Adelaide Vocal.
 - The Stage Band is the advanced ensemble and entry is by invitation from music staff. This band provides the musicians for school musicals and Cabaret Night is their feature presentation.
 - Concert Band is a training band for intermediate students. All students who are learning an instrument at school are obliged to join this band when their teacher considers them ready to do so. This band performs at the Middle School Speech Day Assembly and Music Concerts.

- Adelaide Vocal is the school's vocal ensemble. This group is open to any student in the school who wishes to join. Adelaide Vocal performances may include Cabaret Night, Conversazione, the Old Scholars' Dinner, Formal Assemblies, and the Mac.Robertson Exchange.
- The String Ensemble is primarily made up of string students but is open to anyone who would like to join. The Ensemble plays at music performance nights.

Students have various other ways to explore the Creative Arts including:

- Theatre Sports and Music as part of the Melbourne / Mac.Robertson Exchange
- Biennial Cabaret Nights
- Visual Arts displays
- Music Nights / Visual and Performing Arts evenings.
- Instrumental lessons

Our teaching emphasis in the Arts is directed towards nurturing individuality, teamwork, the generation of creative ideas and activities, performance, problem solving, the development of aesthetic values, the development of various Arts skills and an appreciation of the Arts in a variety of cultures and settings.

