Rationale: The Visual Arts programme is designed to allow students the opportunity to develop and communicate ideas using the elements, processes and techniques associated with specific art forms.

Aims: Students will develop:
- skills and knowledge of how art can be used to express ideas.
- an understanding of how art has evolved within a cultural context.
- an enjoyment of participating in the processes of creating, presenting and responding to art.
- the ability to respond to art works.
- critical skills and an understanding of aesthetics.
- an understanding of how the arts evolve within particular social, cultural and historical contexts.

Implementation:
- The programme is based on the Victorian Essential Learning Standards.
- As much as possible the programme reflects the learning taking place in the classroom.
- An appointed teacher will provide the visual art programs.
- Student progress in all areas of Visual Art will be reported on in both June and December academic reports.
- Budgets that provide for the needs of the various Arts programs will be developed by Arts staff and resourced by school.

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle.

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Signed: ________________________________ (Principal)

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