



**Visual Art Program for Gifted Year 8 Art Students
Places available for 2019**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

In 2008 Seaton High School introduced a Visual Art program for gifted year 8 art students. This highly successful program enables gifted art students to work as a group to develop their artistic skills to a higher level than would normally be expected.

Year 7 students are invited to apply for the 2019 program by completing the expression of interest below. A part of the expression of interest includes submitting a copy of your child’s Year 6 Term 4 report. This will be taken into account in the selection process. Both the expression of interest form and a copy of the Year 6 Term 4 report are to be returned to Seaton High School, by **Friday 2 March 2018**. Replies should be addressed to the Deputy Principal, Ms Jane Hernandez.

Invited applicants will attend an interview at Seaton High School. Details of the interview process are attached to this letter. Interviews will take place on Thursday 15 March and Friday 16 March 2018. Invited applicants will be notified of their interview time.

The selection process will be finalised by Friday 23 March 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Jane Hernandez (Deputy Principal) or Tony Jeffrey (Arts Coordinator) on 8445 2944.

Yours sincerely

Richard Abell
Principal



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We are interested in applying for the Visual Art Program for Gifted Year 8 Art Students, in 2019 at Seaton High School.

Parents/caregivers name:

Student’s name:

Current Primary School:

Contact phone number:

Postal Address:

High School which you are zoned to attend:

A copy of my child’s Year 6 Term 4 report is enclosed. Yes No

Return to Seaton High School, marked attention to Jane Hernandez, by Friday 2 March 2018.

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Interview Process

1. Applicants present and talk about a portfolio of their work. The portfolio should include at least 6 pieces of work showing a range of skills and abilities.

What does a strong portfolio show?

1. Drawings using a range of media i.e. charcoal, chalk etc
2. Drawings from your own imagination-NOT drawings copied from other people's work
3. Experimentation with materials-exploration of an idea
4. Photography
5. Observational imagery in paint, pencil, pen, ink
6. Written comments or annotations
7. Organization
8. Some knowledge of an artist/artists

The portfolio is not to contain any copied image.

The portfolio will be assessed using the following criteria

1. At least 6 pieces of work showing a range of skills and abilities as outlined above
2. Level of detail as a portfolio
3. Skill demonstrated in the application of the variety of media used
4. Time and effort put into the pieces
5. Level of pride in the organization and presentation of the portfolio

2. Applicants come prepared to talk about their favorite artist: which works they like best and why

3. Applicants will be given 3 minutes in which to complete an observational drawing exercise.

4. Follow up questions/discussion as required

NOTE: Parents may accompany their child to the interview if they wish, for support. However they will need to step out for part 3.

If parents wish to accompany their child to the first part of interview please be aware that the interview is with your child and questions should be answered by your child.