

ART ON DISPLAY

Pablo Picasso once said, “All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once they grow up”. It takes courage to be an artist, to express intense emotions, to forge deep connections, to communicate ideas to a public audience and to experiment with unfamiliar techniques. The teacher’s role in all of this is to help students communicate their artistic journey in visually appealing ways, through the explicit teaching of different art skills and techniques.

The St Alipius Primary School Ballarat East Art Show was a culmination of three terms of Visual Arts learning that involved process, practice and creating some finished products. Our curriculum aims to develop a student’s:

- conceptual and perceptual ideas and expressions through design and inquiry processes;
- visual arts techniques, materials, processes and technologies;
- critical and creative thinking using visual arts languages, theories and practices to apply aesthetic judgment;
- respect for and acknowledgement of the diverse roles, innovations, traditions, histories and cultures of artists;
- respect for visual arts as social and cultural practices including confidence, curiosity, imagination and enjoyment and a personal aesthetic through engagement with visual arts making, viewing, discussing, analysing, interpreting and evaluating.

Our exhibition started with paintings, drawings, collage, mosaics and construction in the Foundation Learning Community as they explored the world of colour. As people moved through the school, the students’ art unpacked so much about their personalities, their culture and their commitment to expression through a range of media.

It was more than an Art ‘Show’ - it was an ‘Art Talk’, an ‘Art Experience’, an ‘Art Feel’ - it evoked emotions, challenged stereotypes, gave voice to messages and built confidence in young people’s ability to express themselves.

Congratulations to all involved. It was magical to see such beautiful, imaginative and colourful artwork which can only be a reflection of an environment that promotes growth, exploration and encouragement.

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