

# Frequently Asked Questions – The Arts





The purpose of arts education is not to produce more artists, though that is a byproduct. The real purpose of arts education is to create complete human beings capable of leading successful and productive lives in a free society.

— Dana Gioia —

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# Why Should I Choose an Arts Subject?

- Builds confidence which is vital in the modern world and a real benefit in most career choices.
- Opportunity for creative expression
- Learn resilience and collaborative skills
- Your artform goes with you after school and does not end at the finish of Year 12.



# Is There Homework In The Arts?

- Yes
- You will need to be a self motivated learner.
- You will need to spend time at home doing research and preparing assessment items to successfully complete the course and achieve to your potential.

# Do You Have to Perform In Front of People?

In Dance, Drama and Music subjects you must be confident to perform in front of others to complete the mandatory requirements of the course.



# Do you go on Excursions in The Arts?

- Dance, Drama and Music include excursions to see live productions and opportunities to perform in front of an audience and participate in competitions and events.
- Visual Arts, Media Arts and Photography include excursions and opportunities to exhibit art works and participate in competitions and events.



# What Subjects Should I choose?

- **Do you know what you are aiming for?**
  - Check the prerequisites for the course you want to do.
- **Not sure what to do yet?**
  - Choose the subjects in which you get the best results.
  - Choose the subjects you enjoy the most.



# Is there any theory in Arts subjects?

- Theory is important in all subjects.
- In Dance, Drama, Visual Art, Music and Music Extension approximately a third of your marks involve written work. It is recommended that students achieve a C in Year 10 English to take these subjects.
- In Visual Arts in Practice, Media Arts In Practice, Drama In Practice and Photography you will be required to complete shorter written tasks.



# Literacy – Do I need to be good at English to do Arts subjects?

- Students study literacy in all subjects at high school.
- All subjects have some written elements.
- It is important to continuously develop your skills to be a literate member of society.
- Our subjects are all about taking what we think and write, and transforming it into art.

# How will Dance prepare me for my future?

- Dance as an Artform that allows the freedom of expression, problem solving, ability to communicate with others, teamwork, goalsetting and work to meet time limits. Most importantly it teaches empathy, compassion and the knowledge that Dance is a personal expression.
- When learning about each dance style, we learn about history, music, fashion and other art forms that are reflected through the dance being studied.

# What styles of dance do you study in Senior

- Jazz
- Contemporary
- Hip Hop
- Musical Theatre
- World Dance Styles
- Dance For Film
- Post Modernism



# How often do you perform in Dance?

Students complete a performance each term as well as community performances, assembly presentations, competitions and events.



# Can I do both Music and Music In Practice?

- YES
- You can study both Music and Music In Practice in Senior.
- Actually this is a great combination for students wanting to go into the music industry including song writing, recording or event management.



# Do I have to audition for Music Extension?

- Yes
- This course is designed for students with proven Musical Skills to extend their studies.
- Students must have a strong work ethic and self motivation to be considered for this subject.
- Students need to see Mrs Curry to organise an Audition time.

# Can I still be part of the Instrumental Music Program and Ensembles in Senior?

- Yes
- Actually it is recommended that senior students studying music maintain their individual instrument training and continue to play in ensembles. The instrumental program is complimentary to Music Programs at Benowa High School.
- Instrumental Music studies can contribute to the awarding of QCE points, through AMEB exam results and it complements all other studies in Senior and the development of skills relevant to improving an ATAR. (Talk to your instrumental teacher for further details)



# What is the Difference between Visual Art (General Syllabus Subject) and Visual Arts in Practice (Applied Syllabus Subject)?

- Visual Arts In Practice is based upon the practical application of new and past skills with some art work analysis and artist statement writing.
- Visual Art is more involved in the analysis of artists and their work with art making activities in response to learnt concepts.
- Resolved personal artworks in Visual Art result from studies of artists and their interpretation of contexts including contemporary, formal, personal and cultural.



# Can I study multiple visual art subjects?

- YES
- You can study any combination of Art subjects in Senior.

Some example combinations are:

- Visual Art and Visual Arts In Practice
- Visual Arts in Practice and Photography(CertIII)
- Photography(CertIII) and Media Arts In Practice



# Why study the Cert III Photography at High School?

- The Photography Certificate course is offered at school as a part of the regular learning program across Year 11 and 12.
- It is a practical course that can relate directly to a future career.
- Students can gain valuable points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education. (8 Points)
- Students are not required to travel off-site to complete the qualification, as they are undertaken at school as a part of the regular learning program.



# Can I do both Drama and Drama In Practice?

YES

- You can study both Drama and Drama in Practice in Senior.
- Actually this is a great combination for students wanting to go into an acting career, the entertainment industry or work behind the scenes.



# What specialist equipment do I need?

## Dance

Laptop  
USB  
Black  $\frac{3}{4}$  dance tights  
Black singlet  
Hair Ties  
Toe Undies- Contemporary  
Costume items as required

## Music/Ext/In Prac

Laptop  
USB  
Instrument  
Drumsticks etc.

## Visual Art

Laptop  
A3 Visual Diary  
A3 plastic document holder  
Art pencils/paints at home

# What specialist equipment do I need?

## Media Arts

Laptop

USB

## Drama/In Practice

Laptop

USB

Costume as required

## Photography

Laptop

DSLR Camera – Optional

Resource fee

# Do Arts subjects contribute to ATAR scores?

YES

The ATAR can be calculated on the basis of three different schemes:

- 5 General subjects at Units 3 & 4; or
- 4 General subjects at Units 3 & 4 and 1 Applied subject at Units 3 and 4; or
- 4 General subjects at Units 3 & 4 and 1 completed VET qualification at AQF Certificate III level or higher.

Students who might be eligible with more than one scheme, or students who might be eligible for the same scheme with more than one combination of subjects, will be awarded ATARs on the basis of the combination ensuring the maximum final percentile.



# What if I study more subjects than I need for an ATAR?

- When more results are available, all the permitted combinations must be looked at, in order to choose the combination generating the highest score.
- *For example for a student with six results (English, Biology, Chemistry, Japanese, Music and Physics), QCAA calculates all the possible combinations, the combination generating the maximum ATAR is used.*

# How is the ATAR used to gain entry into university? TEA

All the results achieved by each student are sorted in descending order. In most cases the best five results, although the presence of other rules may overturn the selection of some inputs. For this reason, the determination of the best five results for each student is not always straightforward.

The TEA is finally reported in its 500-point scale format to two decimal places, as shown below.

## ***Students ordered by their percentile rank and TEA Student Percentile rank***

Sophie	100.00 %	491.51
George	99.998 %	491.30
Wei	99.996 %	490.77
Andrew	99.992 %	490.74
Jeff	68.648 %	399.56
Anna	0.004 %	68.72
Nathan	0.002 %	55.11





# How do subjects contribute to the QCE?

## QCE Credits per course

- Core: At least 12 credits must come from completed Core courses of study
- QCAA General subjects and Applied subjects up to 4
- QCAA General Extension subjects up to 2
- QCAA General Senior External Examination subjects up to 4
- Certificate II qualifications up to 4
- Certificate III and IV qualifications (includes traineeships) up to 8
- School-based apprenticeships up to 6