



MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Creative Arts Academy

Excellence in Instrumental Music, Performing,
Visual Arts and Media



Key Objectives

This program has been designed for students who have a passion for The Arts and want to develop their talents and skills. Our creative environment offers budding drama, dance, music, art and film students an opportunity to pursue their interests with other likeminded students.

The Academy enables each child to develop their interests and abilities and expose students to The Arts industry, career and employment possibilities. The Academy holds strong values in its capacity to strengthen each student in their ability to work well in a team, problem-solve, communicate effectively and take initiative.

The program gives students the opportunity to learn, practice and perform in front of a live audience or display their folio of work to an audience in a gallery or film cinema-style event.

Program Involvement

The program is open to students entering Year 7 in 2023, and provides access to industry standard equipment and resources, and opportunities to excel in their chosen field.

Weekly classes in each Arts discipline enable the students to engage in critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration and teamwork to allow them to design, evaluate and present pieces of work to the wider school community.

A celebration and showcase of The Arts will take place throughout the year at events like the school musical, Mackay High Presents, and Arts Under the Stars. The Creative Arts Academy students are required to participate in their chosen Arts discipline, showcasing the skills they have developed and enhanced throughout the year.



Instrumental Music

Students who have participated in Queensland State Schools Instrumental Music Program in primary school are eligible to continue in the Instrumental Music program in secondary school. Instrumental Music (IM) tuition is offered in Woodwind, Brass, Percussion and Strings and lessons take place during school hours.

The ensemble groups at Mackay State High School are the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, String Ensemble, Advanced String Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and Big Band. Students will be allocated an ensemble at the beginning of the year and participation in the Symphonic Band and Big Band is based on merit (previous IM assessment results and audition). Performances in these ensemble groups take place throughout the year, showcasing the high standard of music excellence at Mackay State High School.



Extra-curricular programs

The following extra-curricular programs are offered to Creative Arts Academy students (subject to scheduling and current program offers):

- XL Media
- Shutter Up! (Photography)
- XL Arts
- Drama Excellence (audition process)
- Choir (audition process)
- Dance club (audition process)

Other Arts opportunities available for Creative Arts students throughout the school year include:

- Extension activities and workshops in all Arts disciplines working with CQUniversity and other local Arts industry professionals
- Incursion and excursion opportunities working with Arts industry professionals

Feeder Primary School Connections

Students in the Creative Arts Academy will work closely with the feeder primary schools to help support the transition to high school and develop the Arts involvement between schools. Some opportunities for the Academy students to build the primary school connections include the Instrumental Music Primary School Mentorship Program and offers to participate in the Arts showcase events as guest performers and artists.

High Expectations and Program Integrity

Students in the Creative Arts Academy will be tutored, mentored and coached by our highly qualified and motivated Arts speciality staff team.

It is important that students within the Academy maintain a high academic standard and a strong work ethic. Regular reviews of student behaviour, attendance and progress will be closely monitored, to ensure each students' success within the Academy.

Failure to meet the requirements may result in an interview with the students and their parents/caregivers to determine their continuation within the Academy.

Entry Application

To apply for a position in the Creative Arts Academy, please complete and attach the following information:

- * A Creative Arts Academy application form
- * Recent School Report Card results
- * Instructor/teacher reference (if applicable), e.g. Violin Teacher, dance or drama club coordinator statement
- * Audition (where required)

Students accepted into the Creative Arts Academy pay a participation fee and receive a Creative Arts Academy school shirt.

Please contact Crystal Bell academies@mackayshs.eq.edu.au if you have any questions or if you would like more information.



For more information

Please contact **Mrs Anita Pritchard**

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