



Newcastle High School

RESPECT . RESPONSIBILITY . PARTICIPATION

A M C

ART MASTERS CLASS

This innovative approach to education provides students with an opportunity to explore their world and learn the skills required to effectively communicate ideas and understand an increasingly visual, social, and educational employment environment.

APPLICATION FOR Y7 ART MASTERS CLASS 2021



Newcastle High School is a large, comprehensive high school catering for students from Year 7 through to Year 12. The school has well established, strong links with its local community and active past student associations. Past and present students have contributed to a tradition of high academic achievement and innovative educational practices. The school has a strong reputation for providing quality education.

where tradition meets innovation

CITIZENSHIP DIVERSITY CULTURE

Newcastle High School takes great pride in the promotion of tolerance and good citizenship among students, creating a caring and inclusive school environment.

The school has a strong heritage and also reflects the diversity and strength of the city and region in its multicultural make up.

The school caters for a wide variety of students and provides a breadth of curriculum to cater for student needs.

Students and parents have identified the school's staff as a major strength, as they are committed to improving learning outcomes for every student.

Academic and extra-curricular opportunities reflect the interests and success of staff and students in sports, creative and performing arts and public speaking events. These opportunities also reflect the cultural institutions of inner city Newcastle.

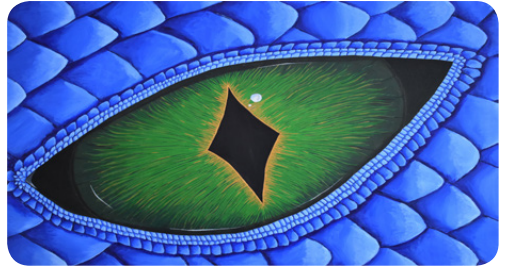
Y7 VISUAL LEARNERS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: ART MASTERS CLASS (AMC)

Newcastle High provides opportunities for all students to achieve their personal best.

Our highly skilled and professional teachers make these opportunities by creating safe and challenging learning environments.

As well as comprehensive mainstream classes, Newcastle High offers a Visual Learners Enrichment program in Year 7.

The term enrichment is a broad concept that encompasses a range of abilities, not only in the visual arts domain, but also in the STEM curriculums, cultural and leadership areas.



This program acknowledges that all learners are different and focuses on and values the various experiences of visual learners.

Newcastle High School is committed to promoting excellence in student outcomes in the AMC program through the implementation of a future focused curriculum, cross faculty project based learning initiatives, innovative teaching spaces and establishing strong links with community professionals to ensure learning is linked to real life experiences.

Each student in the Art Masters Class is introduced to a broad range of subjects alongside their Y7 cohort and will travel the Y7 journey together as they move across English, Maths, Science and Social Sciences.

Students will be actively engaged in a learning culture of mastery, creativity, visual learning, critical thinking and collaboration so as to equip them with the skills that best suit their style of identified learning, giving them every opportunity to succeed and to enjoy their start to high school.

Designed as a springboard into the many wonderful fine arts experiences already on offer at Newcastle High School beyond Y7, the Art Masters Class has developed from a rich research background with ongoing development in partnership with The University of Newcastle.



An array of classes, electives, courses, excursions, exhibitions and creative opportunities exist across the Newcastle High School experience.

A culture of respect and appreciation of the Arts is reflected in the significant student electives, academic achievements including extraordinary HSC results and accomplishments beyond the school setting.

We have purposefully created experiences to develop mastery in the fine arts and to nurture a lifelong love of art.

The Arts are celebrated at Newcastle High School as an important part of the educational experience for all students.

We are a creative hub within a creative arts community nurturing the talents and interests of creative students unlike any other school setting.

The AMC at Newcastle High School is a unique opportunity to make learning more relevant for the future.

Students applying for Newcastle High's Young Achievers Class should notify their Primary School of the details provided as part of the selection process, as the YAC panel may choose to contact the applicant's primary school to seek a recommendation.

AMC APPLICATION PROCESS

Key stages in the application process:

Expression of Interest

Students apply for the Art Masters Class. This process involves the completion and submission of the attached Expression of Interest form by Friday 8 May 2020.

Young Artist Studio Day

Students attend a young artist studio day. The Art Masters Class draws on the experience of a team of passionate and knowledgeable art educators that will guide students through a range of artistic activities throughout the day.

The young artist studio day will be held at Newcastle High from 9am to 2pm on Wednesday 17 June 2020. Students should arrive at the Newcastle High front foyer by 9am. Parents may collect their child from the school at 2pm and are welcomed to view an exhibition of student work until 3:00pm.

Student Portfolio

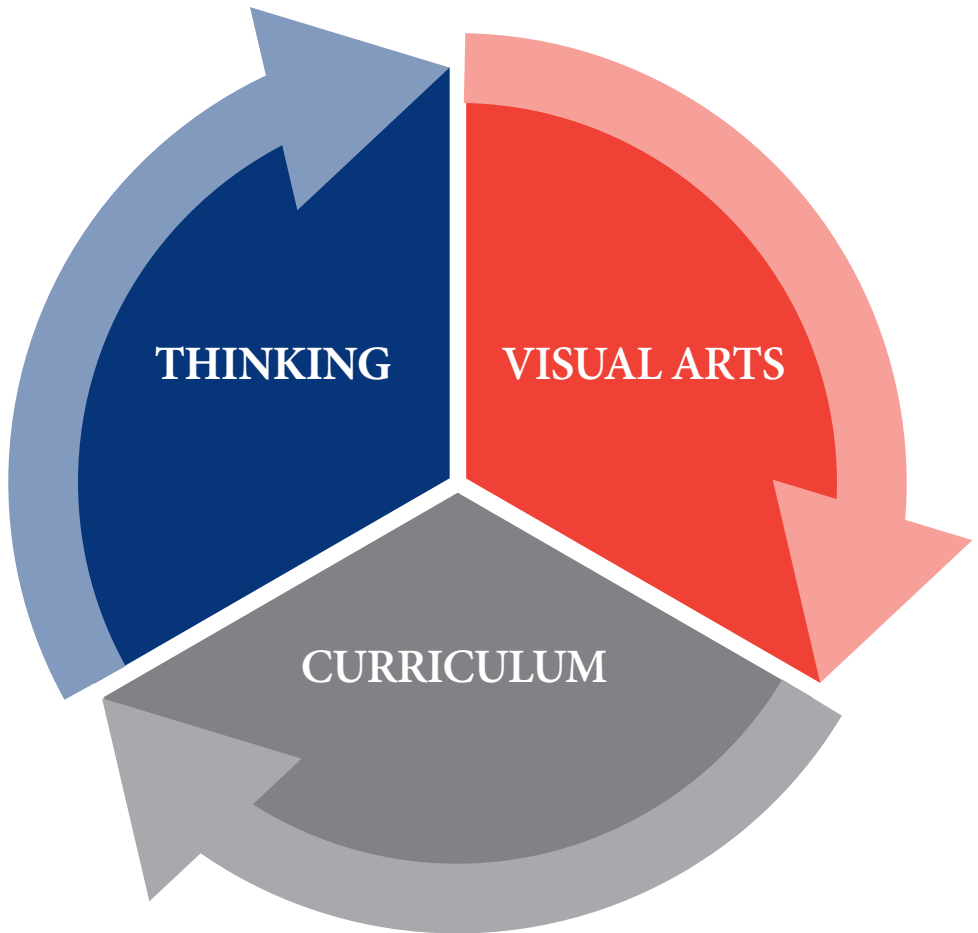
The student portfolios give applicants the opportunity to demonstrate their suitability for the Art Masters Class. The personal portfolio features the best artistic work the student has created at school or home.

The presentation of the portfolio should reflect the student's interests and personality. The portfolio should be brought to the young artist studio day and submitted to staff. The portfolios will be available for collection 2 weeks later from the front office. Please ensure the portfolio is clearly named and contact number provided.

Notification of Placement

Students will be notified of successful placement during Term 2, Week 10. Second round offers of successful placement will occur in Term 3, Week 3.

MODEL OF IMPLEMENTATION



WHY DO WE SEE SO MUCH VALUE IN THE ART MASTERS CLASS?

- images are the pedagogy of connection across science, engineering, history, geography, art and design; students learn to value images beyond illustration
- opportunities for students to learn visual thinking strategies and techniques to promote interdisciplinary learning and learning within specific subject areas
- the growing eloquence and power of images in 21st century communication, social media, culture and education
- students will have the opportunity to refine ways to communicate what they know through analyzing and creating images and through visual notation strategies and diagrammatic approaches.