

# Why study Art & Design?

The Art and Design faculty supports the fundamental values of imagination, creativity, and communication. Art and design skills are essential to life, and the continuous search for knowledge and authentic analysis of ideas and it helps develop:

- A thirst for expanding our cultural knowledge and understanding.
- The highest standards of critical thinking.
- Effective research and creative production.
- Problem solving as individuals and as part of a group.

We strive to develop the creative and intellectual potential of our students and faculty by promoting knowledge and understanding of traditions in the fine arts, applied arts, art history, textiles, craft and photography and by preparing them for a continually changing technological environment. For all our students and teachers, we aim to provide an atmosphere which encourages learning, creative thinking, artistic and design excellence, and ethical behaviour.

Studying Art and Design is an exciting, stimulating endeavour that encourages creative self-expression, confidence and the development of character. To balance academic subjects with creative subjects is beneficial because it will develop the student as a whole person and will also help in the actual study of the academic subjects. Study of a creative subject alongside academic subjects will help students develop the following academic and life skills:

- Skills of Creativity and Imagination - beneficial for further studies and careers in the fields of Maths, Science, English, Languages, Humanities, Medicine.
- Skills of Dexterity (hand-eye coordination).
- Skills of Problem solving.
- Skills of Resilience.
- Cultural Capital: knowledge and understanding of different cultures, histories and movements, and appreciation of historical, cultural, ethical, religious and spiritual aspects of humanity.

We want our students to develop not only art and design practical skills but also develop cultural capital and awareness of the creative work of other artists and designers from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures. The Art faculty offer their resolve and commitment in order to accomplish their vision: hard work; a positive attitude; learning and growing together; inspirational teaching; attention to opportunities and options for students, including extracurricular workshops and clubs.