Rationale:
- The Arts are practised and valued in our complex and diverse society as important outlets for the communication of ideas, feelings and beliefs and as major sources of intellectual, physical, spiritual and emotional development, understanding and enjoyment.

Aims:
The Arts Program will nurture in children an enjoyment and understanding of the Arts and foster creativity which may enrich the quality of their lives and provide further avenues for effective use of leisure time.

Through an Arts Program students:
- develop their intellectual, imaginative and expressive potential
- develop skills, techniques and a knowledge of processes as a basis for personal expression
- create, perform or present arts works
- develop critical skills and an understanding of aesthetics
- develop understanding of how the arts evolve within social, cultural and historical contexts
- enjoy personal satisfaction through artistic achievement and develop confidence and a positive self image through success.

Implementation:
- All students at Templeton will experience Art, Music, Dance, Drama, Media and Visual Communication activities based upon the outcomes contained within AusVELS.
- The school employs specialist teachers who are responsible for the Arts.
- Instrumental music teachers offer private tuition to students whose parents wish to pay for the service.
- Student progress in all strands of the Arts, will be reported in the half year and the end of year academic reports.
- Budgets that provide for the needs of the various Arts programs will be developed by Arts staff and resourced by School Council.

Evaluation:
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in... July 2016