



Primary School Age Arts Education -The Artspace Philosophy

Programs run over nine weeks during school term and have been developed in consultation with education experts.

All classes are taught by practising artists and educators and are inspired by the Reggio approach to arts education.

Our programs include the opportunity for children to 'look at' the art made by real artists, to see the effects and results achieved by the different mediums and techniques that artists use. The focus will be to experiment with a broad range of ideas, forms and mediums. The children will be working predominantly on an individual basis with some small group collaborative sessions.

We believe that the visual arts are a means for individual expression in a fun and unthreatening way. Children learn to take risks, become more investigative and more discerning in their approach and focus. While their sense of design and aesthetic is developing, so is their interpretative, analytical and communication skills.

The visual arts can boost self confidence and esteem and teach 'cause and effect' and a clearer view as to the way the things around us connect and become meaningful, (supporting and creating pathways to literacy, numeracy and scientific learning).

At Artspace, the emphasis is on the process rather than the end product and our programs have been developed to stimulate and ignite children's imaginations and innate artistic abilities.

To ensure all children get individual attention, group classes run with 10 children or less at each session.

Illawarra Children's Services is a not for profit organisation committed to quality creative education.