



WAIKATO DIOCESAN
School for Girls

Arts and Cultural Activities Policy

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Rationale

Student and staff participation in the visual and performing arts, and other cultural activities, brings positive benefits for the individual, the school, and the wider community.

Policy Statement

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls recognises that participation in the arts and cultural endeavours will enhance the education and quality of life of its students. The school will encourage all students to participate in curricular and extra-curricular arts and cultural events. It will also provide facilities, resources and personnel to support a range of arts and cultural activities, for both practice and performance.

Guidelines

1. Opportunities will be provided for all students to participate in school arts and cultural activities.
2. The school's aim for such participation is to encourage leadership, personal growth, self-esteem and pride in the school, and develop personal, social and cultural self-expression and creativity.
3. A range of arts and cultural activities will be provided to cater for different levels of ability and interest.
4. The Arts Administrator will have overall responsibility for the promotion and organisation of the extra-curricular arts and cultural programme.
5. The Arts Administrator will administer an arts budget, which will be approved annually as part of the school budget process.
6. Involvement in cultural groups may require students to wear a designated costume or uniform, as approved by the Uniform Committee.
7. The Arts Administrator, in consultation with the DP Leader of Learning, will implement strategies to allow talented and gifted students to balance high performance in the arts with their academic commitments.
8. Talented arts and cultural students will be encouraged to participate at regional, national, international and other elite levels.
9. Excellence in all levels of arts and cultural activities and competitions by individuals and groups will be acknowledged internally and externally through appropriate means including (but not limited to) assemblies, special award evenings, local and social media, the school's Arts webpage and school publications.
10. Teachers and other staff will be provided to enable a range of arts and cultural activities.
11. Opportunities for professional development will be available to staff in the Arts Department.

