



## WHAT IS NOVA?

The Nova Arts program is a gifted and talented program for Senior Secondary Students of the Arts. It is a 3 year program incorporating Years 10, 11 and 12 at the end of which students finish with an OP and school certificates across specialist extension areas of the Arts not available to the general student population in the Australian education system.

The aim of the Nova Arts program is threefold:

1. To produce men and women of integrity and leadership with entrepreneurial skills.
2. To produce men and women of talent and ability who can make a difference in the world, particularly the Arts world.
3. To multiskill and equip students to take leadership in their local church in the area of Arts.

## **BIBLICAL INTEGRATION**

The aims of the Nova Arts program cannot be achieved without Biblical integration.

Integrity cannot be achieved without a knowledge of right and wrong, values and ethics and what is expected of a Christian.

Christian leadership cannot be achieved without a firm understanding of why they are here and how they can make a difference in their world. Without a firm commitment to Christ they cannot be equipped to lead the Arts in their local church successfully.

Therefore, all aspects of Christian worldview are covered during the course.

# RATIONALE

The Nova Arts program is not for the faint-hearted. A very high level of commitment in energy, input and time is required, as is an elevated work ethic and superior self-discipline. Students are challenged emotionally, physically and spiritually. Punctuality, self-discipline, critical thinking, handling conflict, flexibility, persistence, tenacity, tolerance, overcoming fears and conflict resolution are all aspects of developing Christian character and are exercised throughout the program.

Entrepreneurial skills are developed through risk-taking, time management, creative and lateral thinking, the ability to work with a team, responsibility, integrity, motivation, drive and commitment. All activities in the entire course support the development of entrepreneurial skills.

Parents play a vital role in the Nova Arts Program and support for their students and the program is essential for students to benefit.

Commitment is closely linked with integrity. Commitment sometimes means sacrifice and is a valued life skill and work ethic. Once commitment is given, the task must be completed.

Involvement in extracurricular activities is encouraged because of the opportunity it gives to hone students' skills.

The students in the Nova Arts program are talented academically and will be strongly encouraged to excel in academic areas. The Nova Arts program takes academic excellence as well as artistic talent into consideration when selecting candidates. Entry is via audition and interview.

# STRUCTURE

Students in Nova Arts are expected to take a full complement of subjects for their year level as well as the Arts extension subjects which take place during Wednesday afternoon sport and after school. All students participate in two periods of Values and Ethics per week.

The following extension subjects are presently available:

Arts & Technology:	Photoshop Live Sound and Recording Studio Recording 3D Studio Max Digital Editing
Stage Crafts:	Clowning Circus Production Silver Smithing Musical Theatre (includes tap, jazz) NIDA Acting Course
Design and Construction:	Set Costume
Communication:	Grooming/Department
Business:	How to set up a small business
Spiritual:	Values/Ethics Comparative Religions