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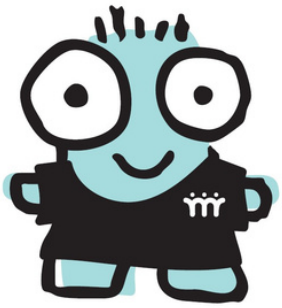
Arthur Creative Arts Program Information Pack



About us

Arthur Creative provides a variety of arts-based workshops designed for both emerging and established artists with disabilities. Our core programs are perfect for beginners looking for an introduction to the arts and can serve as a supported studio space for more experienced artists. For established artists pursuing independent practice, we offer pathway programs, either studio-based or within the community.

Timetable

The Arthur Studio Program operates on a school term calendar to allow some downtime for the artists involved.

Download timetable here.

Core programs

Monday Cabaret (Music focused)

Explore singing, dancing, circus, comedy and movement to build confidence, happiness and motivation. Participants work as a team to create cabaret performances, with opportunities for both solo or duo work.

Workshop size: Max 10 people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year (excludes out-of-pocket term-based material fee)
When: Mondays 10am to 1pm

Studio Art

Studio Art explores art making with various mediums including but not limited to printmaking, painting and drawing. Artists can choose to be led through art activities and set projects by the workshop facilitators, who are practicing artists. Suitable for both beginners and experienced artist seeking to develop their art practice.

Workshop size: Max 10 people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year (excludes out-of-pocket term-based material fee)
When: Mondays 10am to 1pm

Mixed Media/Film

Learn the full process of filmmaking – from pre-production and scriptwriting to editing and screening. This workshop also explores animation, set design and different film styles.

Workshop size: Max 10 people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year (excludes out-of-pocket term-based material fee)
When: Mondays 2pm to 4pm, Tuesdays 10am to 1pm

Photography

For beginners and experienced photographers alike, this workshop teaches the principles of photography using all types of cameras (everything from a DSLR to a smartphone).

Workshop size: Max 10 people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year (excludes out-of-pocket term-based material fee)
When: Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm, Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm

MatchBox (Performing Arts)

These theatre-making workshops develop original works and build skills in the performing arts sector. The group also focuses on improvisation and movement and exploration of multimedia and film.

Workshop size: Max 10 people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year (excludes out-of-pocket term-based material fee)
When: Wednesdays 10am to 1pm

Boxhead (Drama)

A small performance group where participants explore various creative forms. Each performer brings their own experience and concept of "theatre" and "performance". Boxhead make one major work a year and meet weekly for creative development and skill development. Boxhead members support MatchBox participants with mentoring and creative leadership.

Workshop size: Max 10 people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year (excludes out-of-pocket term-based material fee)
When: Fridays 2pm to 4pm

PaintBox

These workshops develop original works, build up skills in the visual arts sector, explore and enhance the artist's unique expressive identity and experiment with multi-modal art-making techniques. Exhibition and professional development opportunities are also offered.

Workshop size: Max 10 people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year (excludes out-of-pocket term-based material fee)
When: Wednesdays 10am to 1pm or 2pm to 5pm

Screen Printing

Learn a variety of screen printing techniques, from basic to advanced stencil design and silkscreen ink application.

Workshop size: Max six people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year (excludes out-of-pocket term-based material fee)
When: Fridays 10am to 1pm or 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Ceramics

Explore hand-building ceramic techniques from beginner to advanced levels, including making pots, vases, and mugs. Additional fees apply for firing and glazing.

Workshop size: Max six people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost per session
When: Thursdays 10am to 12.30pm

Misfits: Songwriting/Poetry

A song and poetry think tank, offering a creative space for writers to create, develop and perform. This is a small, relaxed group setting for people interested in music, singing and songwriting. It is an opportunity for people to tell their own story through songwriting, with the aim of recording works to a professional standard. The facilitator is a professional musician who will support the artists to develop their skills and explore some of the techniques of musical arrangement.

Workshop size: Max five people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year
When: Fridays 10am to 1pm

Mini Art Box

This beginner-friendly art workshop introduces various visual art forms, such as painting, drawing and printmaking. No previous experience required.

Workshop size: Max four people per session
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year
When: Mondays 1.30pm to 4pm

Pathway Programs

Progressive Studio

An open studio for artists working on individual projects, Progressive Studio provides professional guidance and exhibition opportunities. Open to artists at all levels.

Workshop size: Artists wanting to pursue commercial/ pathways in the arts market
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year (excludes out-of-pocket term-based material fee)
When: Thursdays 10am to 1pm

Individual Creative Development Program (Multi-Arts)

Arthur Creative offers personalised arts programs, including one-to-one professional artist support, pathway development workshops and practical assistance for community engagement.

Workshop size: Artists wanting to pursue commercial/ pathways in the arts market
Cost: NDIS participant cost, 40 sessions/year (excludes out-of-pocket term-based material fee)
When: By appointment

Funding your participation

Arthur Creative is a registered NDIS provider. You can discuss funding eligibility with your planner and incorporate these costs into your NDIS plan.

Term Material Fees: The NDIS does not pay for materials and equipment. This means you will be required to pay a small term-based materials fee. In addition, you may occasionally be required to pay entry fees to field trip destinations, such as museums or galleries and entry fees to submit artworks in local exhibitions. These fees are not covered by the NDIS.

Bringing your own support worker

If you bring a support worker, they should assist only with personal support and direct care during sessions. Support workers are expected to be passive unless required for assistance and should avoid unnecessary disruptions.

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