



Curriculum K–12 Directorate

# Creative Arts Unit Fact sheet

## Curriculum Support and Professional Learning for Creative Arts teachers in NSW

The main focus of the Creative Arts Unit is to support government schools across the State in implementing the NSW Board of Studies Creative Arts K–6 syllabus and 7–12 Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts syllabuses

### Curriculum advice

Our subject experts can offer quick and informal advice to regions, teachers and parents through phone or email about:

- current creative arts curriculum issues and research
- practical strategies in curriculum implementation, planning, programming and assessing
- materials and resources for teachers
- professional learning events
- tertiary institutions and universities.

### Ongoing support

We can help set up and support curriculum networks by:

- developing and delivering needs-based workshops and presentations
- reviewing resources and professional learning programs
- publishing web-based materials and facilitating online interaction
- mentoring teachers.

We also provide advice to and collaborate with professional associations, other Directorates, State and Federal government agencies, performing arts companies and the arts industry to support teachers of creative arts in NSW.

We have collaborative partnerships with agencies: e.g. Arts NSW (*ConnectEd Arts*); Kaldor Art Projects (*Move: video art*); Bell Shakespeare; Musica Viva In Schools; Theatre of Image; and regional galleries to provide performance experiences and resources for schools.

We also collaborate on projects with units: e.g. Multicultural (visual arts, music, dance); Equity (*Boys and the arts*);

*Asian artists*) and Centre for Learning Innovation (music and art resources) to provide online resources for teachers and students.

### 2008 focus areas include

Stages 4, 5 and 6 teacher workshops and online courses.

K–6 online materials and workshops for primary teachers linked to COGs.

Workshops and resources for new HSC Prescriptions (Dance and Drama) for implementation in 2009.

New suite of student materials for HSC Online in Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts

Online music technology course

Online dance composition course

Online support materials using multimedia and interactive learning objects

Online forums with artists and experts

New websites to support *Boys and the Arts*

**<[http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/gender\\_arts/index.html](http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/gender_arts/index.html)>**

and multicultural perspectives in Music and Visual Arts

**<[http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/multicultural\\_music/index.html](http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/multicultural_music/index.html)>**

**<[http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/multicultural\\_art/index.html](http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/multicultural_art/index.html)>**

### Professional learning workshops

For information about workshops currently being offered please go to our internet booking site:

**<<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/prolearn07/index.htm>>**

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### Websites

Creative Arts K–6  
**<<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/creativearts/index.htm>>**

Creative Arts 7–12  
**<<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/secondary/creativearts/index.htm>>**

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