

GIFTED AND TALENTED VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM BALCATTa SHS Workshop Information for Entry in 2024

Dear Parents and Gifted and Talented Visual Arts Applicants

Thank you for your interest and application to the Gifted and Talented Visual Arts Program.

Visual Arts applicants are invited to attend a workshop at the school that has been selected as their first Visual Arts preference – your child's being Balcatta Senior High School.

Students may be assessed on any subject matter within Visual Arts. Please note there is a written component in the workshop. If your child has a disability, chronic illness or condition that may affect the written task, please contact the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit at mark.terry2@education.wa.edu.au prior to the testing, attach supporting documentation to the Student Health Form and speak with both the administration staff and Lead Supervisor on the day of the workshop.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

NOTE: Please see attached Map of Balcatta Senior High School.

PARKING: Please enter from Poincare Street and follow the signs to the registration and testing area.

REGISTRATION: Staff will be collecting the completed Student Details Sheet, including a photo, and the completed Student Health Form. Please ensure these two documents are completed and brought to the workshop, as they are *essential*. Parents/caregivers should contact the Gifted and Talented Unit about any student with a serious medical condition prior to the commencement of the workshop testing.

FOOD/DRINK: Students should bring snacks and are required to bring a water bottle. No canteen facilities will be available. No child will be able to leave the venue during breaks.

MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT: The Art materials used by the students in the Selective Testing process will be supplied by the Department of Education.

HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: Students are required to wear clothing suitable for a Visual Arts workshop, including closed-in shoes, to meet safety requirements. Any serious health conditions should be brought to the attention of the administration staff and the Lead Supervisor at the time of the registration, with supporting documentation attached to the Student Health Form.

PARENT INFORMATION: Please **do not** bring the applicant's portfolio or school report to the workshop. These items may be required at a later date if the candidate is offered an interview at their preferred Visual Arts school/program.

RESULTS: The results of the Selective Testing are forwarded directly to the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit in the Department of Education for processing. No reports on the student's performance in the Visual Arts workshops will be provided, and the artwork produced will be retained by the Department of Education.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: The following phone number can be used to contact Gifted and Talented staff – (08) 9264 4307.

If you have any further queries about the Selective Testing, please feel free to contact the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on (08) 9264 4307 or at gtsu@education.wa.edu.au.

We wish your child the best throughout the selection process.

