

Trinity Anglican College

Creative Pursuits Program



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Introduction

Alongside our academic programs, we believe rich learning opportunities arise through diverse offerings of personal pursuits and activities of interest. Creative Pursuits is a unique initiative developed by Trinity which is woven into our Junior School programs, taking place in class time every second week. Developing a greater sense of **choice, passion and independence** for students is a virtue that the Creative Pursuits program instils in our students.

Our Philosophy

It is our philosophy at Trinity to target the holistic development of the students on all levels- socially, morally, academically and emotionally. This is critical to the early development of all children. The philosophy of this program is to encourage student's to make active choices and define their own education and development based on what interests and excites them.

Our Aim

Our aim is to offer our students something unique, a learning and life experience that can only be obtained at Trinity. During their Junior School years, children develop their intellect, personality and values, which influences their later stages of life. Delving into the Creative Pursuits program at this stage in their life offers them something irreplaceable; the freedom to pursue their personal interests and passions outside the traditional confines of the classroom. We see the student-driven 'choices' embedded in Creative Pursuits as a catalyst to ignite a passion for learning, and a lifelong love of school, inspiring students to make their own choices and forge pathways into the future.

6 Key Pillars

Our Creative Pursuits program is driven by six key pillars that provide our students with the choice to engage in activities they are passionate about:

- **Physical Activity**
- **Cultural Education**
- **Creative Arts**
- **Technological Pursuits**
- **Community Outreach**
- **General Knowledge**

The Importance of Creative Pursuits in the Classroom

Children have the opportunity to excel in this innovative, inspiring and challenging program at Trinity Anglican College. The program is forward thinking, and reflects our commitment to providing opportunities beyond the traditional four walls of a classroom with greater choice.

Research shows that when children use their whole body to learn in an active and creative environment, there is improved attitude and interest in learning. Alongside this, there is a higher rate of attendance, better outcomes in tests and assessments, and a higher level of resilience in students.

The program embeds the effective use of creativity, physical activity and technology to support learning. Students become engaged in challenging and interesting learning environments that allow them to apply knowledge, skills, critical thinking and understanding in new ways. Emphasis is placed on the importance of choice, communication, collaboration and creativity in these activities. These are important skills for students in the 21st Century who need to learn to grow and flourish in any given environment.

We encourage all students to embrace this program and try new things that they haven't thought of doing before. It opens them up to incredible opportunities, new friendships and a new way of thinking.



The Benefits of Creativity



1. Creativity is multidisciplinary

2. Creativity allows you to express yourself

3. Creativity promotes critical thinking and problem-solving

4. Creativity can give young children a sense of drive and purpose

5. Creativity can lead to feelings of accomplishment and pride

6. Being creative in the classroom can inspire and accomodate new friendships

7. Creativity is a prerequisite for innovation

8. Being creative promotes life-long learning practices





Key Pillars

Physical Activity

Children love to play and be engaged in active pursuits. This element of Creative Pursuits is not built around structured sport, but any activity that gets our students up and moving. This helps the development of their bodies, and leads to improved intellect, concentration and thinking.

Cultural Education

Encouraging young children to engage with cultural educations builds their self-confidence, social awareness and appreciation, inclusive belief and encourages educational success.

Creative Arts

Engaging in Creative Arts builds critical skills in young children emotionally, socially and cognitively. They learn to use their imagination in innovative ways that encourage critical thinking and improved awareness of the world around them.

Technological Pursuits

Growing up with an in-depth and practical understand of technology can help young children grow and learn. They can explore new ways of thinking and actively engage in their own learning and choice of activities.

Community Outreach

Being involved in the wider community can give young children a sense of purpose and belonging within our local and regional environment. It teaches them life skills that will transcend well beyond their time at Trinity and carry them into the future with the capacity to understand the value of community.

General Knowledge and Interests

As the Creative Pursuits Program is run by passionate teachers with a strong desire to help their students grow and explore their own interests, there is plenty of room for opportunities which may sit outside the scope of the other five pillars.



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The Activities

Over 200 activities have previously been completed within the Creative Pursuits Program. The activities selected each year depend on the interests and passions of both our staff and students to ensure we deliver exciting, meaningful programs.

This provides incredible opportunity for students to make active choices in their education. Some of the activities which have been offered in the last few years have been listed below.

Skateboarding	Cricket	Woolcraft
Rugby	Tennis	Drama
Netball	Yoga	Photography
Indoor Soccer	Orienteering	Visual Art
Remote control cars	STEM/Robotics	Lego
Mountain Bike Riding	F45	Supertramp
Outdoor Games	MAMA Visits	Estia Health (Retirement Home Visits)
Basketball	Triathlon	Magazine making
Christmas Craft	Mosaic	Preschool visits
Rock Climbing	Dance	Bushwalking
Dodgeball	Tapestry	Sign Language
League Tag	AFL	Forensic Science
Wheelchair Basketball	Rock Band	Vegetable Gardening
Hair styling	Music/Singing	Bee Bots
Fishing	Boho Arts	Cooking
Claymation	Rube Goldberg Machines	Nest Box Building





It all starts here.