

27 ART IN SCHOOLS

Through lifeways, languages, spirituality and connections to the land, for thousands of years and in the present, Skwxwú7mesh and shíshálh Peoples practice cultural arts to tell stories, bring meaning to mysteries, and express relationships.

The Sunshine Coast Board of Education respects this legacy and acknowledges that its schools continue to operate within communities of immense artistic skill, passion and opportunity for students.

Students who are exposed to artistic expression have enhanced receptivity and enthusiasm for embracing the arts and pursuing their own artistic goals.

Reference: Kisida, B., Bowen, D. H., & Greene, J. P. (2017). [Cultivating Interest in Art: Causal Effects of Arts Exposure During Early Childhood.](#)

“Exposure to the Arts can help teens develop many positive skills and capacities that are valued by leaders and employers, such as persistence, collaboration, creative thinking, problem solving, motivation...”

Reference: Middle Earth (2015). [Benefits of Arts Exposure to Youth.](#)

- 27.1 The board expects that displays of public art are developed at all schools and facilities to enhance the everyday experience of our students, staff and community.
- 27.2 The board encourages that our students’ artistic expression be shared in public venues throughout the Sunshine Coast and in partnership with our community partners.

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