

Cairns High Centre of Excellence Audition Process - Visual Art – Yr 7 - 2027

1. Students will create drawing / mixed media art work. All art supplies will be provided and students will be given guidance by art teachers present on the day.
2. A 5 min interview with each student is conducted in a separate room during the drawing audition. Students are to bring a selection of their strongest recent art work (portfolio) which will help us in the short interview. The folio may be in the form of actual artwork - drawings, paintings, ceramics, sculptures or photographs of work on a USB/own laptop. We also encourage digital work, animations, movies, graphic design which can also be provided on USB or laptop.

Date: Tuesday 5 May 2026

Time: 3.15pm for a 3.30 start – 5.30pm

Location: D11 & D12 – entry via Sheridan Street is fastest

Portfolio – Don't stress about having a fancy portfolio, a Bag, box or an A4 plastic folder is fine. The art work is what we are interested in. This can be actual artwork, photos of your work. We are interested in paintings, drawings, digital photos, animations all kinds of art work. The work can be from school, from home or workshops you may have attended. Your most recent work, think the last 2 years, is what we are most interested in.

Interview - You should definitely not stress about this! We just want to get to know a little about you. After we ask you about your pets and your class at Primary school, we'll look at your folio of work and ask you about it. Some common questions are – “that's a great drawing why did you choose red for the sky?” or “If you could do 5 more paintings like this one what would like to paint next?” or “what's the thing you like most about making art?” From you folio and interview we are interested in your creative thinking, originality, quality and evidence of skill and technique.

Audition – This will be fun. The drawing audition is more like an art lesson. You will be drawing a still life using a range of art materials. Will be looking for evidence of visual art technique, processes and creative use of media. What's better is that we give you all the materials you will need and there will an art teacher in the room to assist and encourage you!

More Questions?

Contact

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On the day

The best entrance is via Sheridan Street, there will be direction signs and Senior Leaders to meet and direct you. The gate next to the basketball Gym and E Block will both be open.

