

## 3. Creative Arts

### Introduction

Welcome to the inspiring world of Creative Arts!

In this subject it is important to *EXPLORE*, *EXPERIMENT*, *EXPERIENCE* and *EXPRESS* your thoughts, ideas and the subject content you have learnt.

You will develop your voice, body and mind so that you can express yourself in many different ways through music, visual arts, drama and dance. Creative Arts will also help you to become a disciplined, focused, confident and creative human being. All these qualities prepare you for any career you may choose to follow one day.

### Content in Grade 9

In Creative Arts you will select two art forms, depending on what your school offers. These may be **Dance**, **Drama**, **Music** or **Visual Arts**.

By the end of Grade 9 you would have been doing the following in the forms of your choice:

- **Dance:** Experiencing the joy of dancing, learning the life-time skill of using your body safely and expressively, and exploring the theory of dance.
- **Drama:** Using your voice, body and mind in classroom dramas when working with texts such as monologues, dialogues, radio dramas, poems and stories explored in the theory of drama
- **Music:** Performing a variety of vocal and instrumental music in groups or on your own (solo).  
Being exposed to the written and aural language of music through reading and writing music
- **Visual Arts:** Creating 2D and 3D art works, becoming visually literate and expressing yourself in a symbolic and visual way in a world that increasingly uses visual images to communicate.

You will soon realise that the Creative Arts class offers a safe, supportive and non-judgmental space in which you are encouraged to grow in confidence and build a positive self-image. You will develop skills that will help you to organise, perform, present and market artworks independently. The knowledge you gain of the art forms you choose will deepen your appreciation of performance and visual art.

### Time allocation

You will have Creative Arts for at least 2 hours per week during school time. You may find that the 2 hours in a week are not enough to get you ready for your practical assessment. You may need to practise after school hours so that you can develop your talent and be well prepared for your practical assessment.

### Assessment

In Creative Arts 40% of your marks are awarded for your school-based assessment. This consists of four formal assessment tasks per art form, which may be in the form of presentations, performances, exhibitions and research tasks. The remaining 60% of your marks will be for your final examination. In Creative Arts this examination consists of a practical examination and a written examination for each art form.

Creative Arts prepares you to continue further study in subjects such as Dance Studies, Dramatic Arts, Visual Arts, Design and Music.

In this subject, there is not really anything that can hold you back. Have fun, enjoy the new journey you are about to take, and remember that you are the creator of your own unique expressions.

