



The Visual Arts Program at Tambrey has seen students from Year one to Six participate in weekly, one-hour lessons. Students are given every opportunity to thrive in an inviting Visual Arts Classroom that is equipped with a diverse range of art materials and resources to inspire and enhance creativity.

At Tambrey PS we value the importance of Visual Arts and its capacity to engage all students to respond to artists and their artwork and develop understanding, critical reasoning, and practical skills through exploring and expanding their understanding of their world. Visual Arts supports students' ability to recognise and develop cultural appreciation of visual arts in the past and contemporary contexts through exploring and making connections. Visual Arts at Tambrey incorporates all three fields of art, craft and design. Students create visual representations that communicate, challenge and express their own and others' ideas through drawing, painting, design, print making, collage, clay work, sculpture and collaborative art projects.

Our students can showcase their artworks at school and community exhibitions throughout the year to encourage budding artists to create works that showcase their learning and talents beyond the classroom. Students engage in whole school and community art projects and work alongside visiting artist-in-residence programs.

Throughout 2023 Tambrey PS students participated in a variety of Visual Arts community projects including;

### **Mural Painting Project & Art in the Park**

Tambrey Primary School is a school of nearly 700 students with one third of those students being from an Indigenous background. It is our aim for these students to see elements of their culture represented in the school grounds through artwork and that create a sense of belonging. It is equally important to us that our Tambrey families see our unique Pilbara landmarks, flora and fauna reflected in the school environment and understand the pride generated belonging to this outstanding community.

Our school was built in 1989 and as a part of our school revitalisation project driven by Deputy Principal, Toni Whitbread, and Visual Arts Specialist, Felicity Collins, we have worked hard to secure seven funding partners to make this exciting mural project happen. Our contributing grant funding major sponsors have been Woodside, and FMG and Pilbara Real Estate with other generous community funding

from Jetwave Marine, Santos, Yara and QUBE Energy.





With a combined sponsorship total of \$20,000 we were lucky enough to have Mel McVee (artist name Melski) and her talented sister Tash come to our school to paint three large and colourful murals around our school. The beautiful thing about the murals is their position around the school, as they not only benefit the school but also the wider community with one large mural facing the main hub of the school – the undercover area and shared play space, another facing Tambrey Drive and the third on the school basketball courts with is a shared space with the community. Artist Mel McVee has previously completed the mural painting at the Tambrey Pavilion next to our school grounds and we believe that by engaging her we have maintained a beautiful consistency across the community landscape with her bold style of work.



**Dampier Community Association Art Exhibition.**

Ten students were selected to complete a painting, during their lunchtimes, to enter the Dampier Art Exhibition. Facilitated by Mrs Collins there was a theme for painting something that represented them and the Pilbara. These ten students were lucky enough to join Mrs Collins, Mrs Whitbread and parent Sarah Winfield to go an excursion to visit the exhibition and see their work hanging on display. They also enjoyed a drawing workshop both inside the exhibition hall and outside enjoying the amazing Dampier landscape and Hampton Harbour to inspire their drawing.



**Cossack Art Exhibition excursion**

Twenty two Year 3 and Year 4 students were selected for their efforts and endeavours during art classes to take part in the Cossack Art Education Program excursion. They had a tour guide for the day who took them around old Cossack town and they visited the annual Cossack Art Exhibition. A highlight was getting to vote for their favourite piece in this prestigious exhibition. The students also participated in immersive art workshop with a local Artist in Residence and completed drawing activities and workshops around this amazing historical township.





## Red Earth Arts Precinct Local School Art Exhibition

Students from Year 1- 6 were selected to exhibit their work, representing Tambrey PS at the Red Earth Arts Precinct Local School Art Exhibition.

Exhibited work included;

Year 1 – Bronwyn Bancroft Inspired Pilbara Landscape.

Year 2 – Anna Blatman inspired birds.

Year 3 – Zentangles.

Year 4 – Pete Cromer inspired animals collages.

Year 5 & 6 – Emma Blythe inspired Pilbara and Kimberley themed acrylic painting.

## In class learning

Throughout the year during Visual Arts classes, students from Years 1-6 were given the opportunity to get creative with clay projects, weaving and threading, watercolour and acrylic painting, sketching and still life drawing. Students worked as a part of whole school collaborative projects and learned about some incredible local and international artists. Students were immersed in hands on projects, alongside learning about art history.

