Arts assessment criteria: Year 1

Criterion A: Knowing and understanding

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- demonstrate awareness of the art form studied, including the use of appropriate language
- demonstrate awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context
- iii. demonstrate awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	 i. demonstrates limited awareness of the art form studied, including limited use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates limited awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates limited awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.
3–4	 i. demonstrates adequate awareness of the art form studied, including adequate use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates adequate awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates adequate awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.
5–6	 i. demonstrates substantial awareness of the art form studied, including substantial use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates substantial awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates substantial awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.

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Achievement level	Level descriptor
7–8	The student:
	 i. demonstrates excellent awareness of the art form studied, including excellent use of appropriate language
	ii. demonstrates excellent awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context
	iii. demonstrates excellent awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.

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Criterion B: Developing skills

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- demonstrate the acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied
- ii. demonstrate the application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	 The student: demonstrates limited acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied demonstrates limited application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
3–4	 The student: demonstrates adequate acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied demonstrates adequate application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
5–6	 The student: demonstrates substantial acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied demonstrates substantial application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
7–8	 The student: demonstrates excellent acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied demonstrates excellent application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.

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Criterion C: Thinking creatively

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- i. identify an artistic intention
- ii. identify alternatives and perspectives
- iii. demonstrate the exploration of ideas.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	The student: i. identifies a limited artistic intention ii. identifies limited alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates limited exploration of ideas.
3-4	The student: i. identifies an adequate artistic intention ii. identifies adequate alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates adequate exploration of ideas.
5–6	The student: i. identifies a substantial artistic intention ii. identifies substantial alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates substantial exploration of ideas.
7–8	The student: i. identifies an excellent artistic intention ii. identifies excellent alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates excellent exploration of ideas.

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Criterion D: Responding

Maximum: 8

At the end of year 1, students should be able to:

- identify connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning
- ii. recognize that the world contains inspiration or influence for art
- iii. evaluate certain elements or principles of artwork.

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1–2	 i. identifies limited connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning ii. demonstrates limited recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for art iii. presents a limited evaluation of certain elements of artwork.
3–4	 i. identifies adequate connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning ii. demonstrates adequate recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for art iii. presents an adequate evaluation of certain elements of artwork.
5–6	 i. identifies substantial connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning ii. demonstrates substantial recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for art iii. presents a substantial evaluation of certain elements of artwork.
7–8	 i. identifies excellent connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning ii. demonstrates excellent recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for art iii. presents an excellent evaluation of certain elements or principles of artwork.

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