

National Art School Open Day

The National Art School is the place to study for anyone serious about pursuing a fine art career in Australia. The National Art School provides the opportunity to develop their artistic practice within a vibrant community. Our beautiful inner-city campus has been a place of artistic learning and practice for more than 100 years. Our strength is exceptional art education through a unique studio-based teaching model, centred on hands-on learning under the guidance of leading artists, scholars and educators. Whether you're interested in our degree programs, short courses or simply want to experience our heritage-listed campus, we look forward to welcoming you on Open Day.

All Day (10am – 4pm)

Cell Block Theatre

- **Course Enquiry Desk:** Meet the student services team and ask any questions you might have about courses, admission, scholarships, and student life on campus.
- **One-on-One Advice Sessions:** Meet with a member of our faculty and find out more about studying at the National Art School and our admissions process including advice on preparing your portfolio.
- **Public Programs:** Find out more about National Art School Short Courses, Teen and School programs.
- **National Art School Student Representative Council (SRC):** Find out about life on campus from a student perspective.

NAS Café

- **Food:** Take a break and enjoy refreshments in the historic surrounds of the campus.

NAS Gallery

- **Exhibition:** Experience *Margaret Olley: Australian Intimiste*, celebrating the legacy and significant achievements of Margaret Olley AC – National Art School alum and one of Australia's most beloved painters. On view until Saturday 24 October 2026

Third Space

- **Exhibition:** Visit Third Space exhibition gallery and view the latest exhibition of work by our postgraduate students.

Hoff Space

- **Exhibition:** Visit the Hoff Space to see works by our current 3rd Year Painting and Drawing students.

Across Campus

- Go behind the scenes and see our students at work in their studios.

Library

- **National Art School Library:** The NAS Library supports the school's unique curriculum with a carefully curated, highly specialised collection. Meet our knowledgeable library staff, who are on hand to provide guidance and support throughout your studies.
- **Library Stairwell Gallery:** Visit the Library Stairwell Gallery's latest exhibition showcasing the work of our Printmaking students.

Workshop - Building 11

- **National Art School Workshop:** Visit the Workshop, a hub of activity where students work across a range of artistic disciplines. See the tools and equipment available and learn about the technical support provided to students..

Archive and Collection - Building 11

- **The National Art School Archive and Collection** contains rare artworks from alumni and artefacts from the site's 200-year history. See exciting new acquisitions on display especially for Open Day.

Drawing - Chapel Ground Floor

- **Hands-on Life Drawing:** Draw from a life model in the chapel, one of the school's most beautiful historic buildings, and our dedicated drawing studio.

Ceramics - Building 24

- **Fast Clay; Slow Clay:** Watch lecturers and current students creating innovative work on the wheel, including a large collaborative sculpture. Participate in hand-forming your own small clay artworks with NAS artist-educators..

Photomedia - Building 2

- **Photomedia:** Explore the Photomedia studios and see students in action in the editing suite and lighting studio. Additionally, there will be a projected showreel featuring works by our current students.

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Art Therapist
Art Historian
Printmaker
Fine Art Conservator
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Art Fair Director
Picture Framer
Art Handler
Art Installer
Art Auction Specialist
Archivist
Art Lecturer
Community Arts Worker
Photojournalist
Academic
Arts Researcher
Bookbinder
Ceramicist
Costume Designer
Art Critic
Cultural Critic
Arts Writer
Arts Journalist
Museum Worker
Visual Merchandiser
Art Director
Graphic Designer
Copywriter
Social Media Creator
Video Game Designer
Muralist

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The National Art School acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora nation, the traditional owners on whose lands, water and skies we meet and share. We pay our respects to all Gadigal elders, past and present, and celebrate the diversity, history and creativity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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Art Fair Director
Picture Framer
Art Handler
Art Installer
Art Auction Specialist
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Arts Researcher
Bookbinder
Ceramicist
Costume Designer
Art Critic
Cultural Critic
Arts Writer
Arts Journalist
Museum Worker
Visual Merchandiser
Graphic Designer
Muralist
Copywriter
Event Designer
Social Media Creator
Video Game Designer
Live Event Photographer
Exhibition Designer
Art Director

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Pursue your art career
at the National Art School

Plan Your Day

10:00am - 12pm
Painting - Building 5

● Colour Mixing: Make your own colour mixing chart to take home and get a taste of first year painting.

10.30 - 11:15am
Black Theatre - Building 5

● Bachelor of Fine Art Info Session: Join our lecturers to learn about undergraduate study options and how to apply.

10:30 - 11:15am
Red Theatre - Building 5

● Bachelor of Fine Art (Honours) Info Session: Join our lecturers to learn about postgraduate study options and the admissions process.

10:30am - 2pm
Sculpture Studio - Building 9

● Clay Modelling: Take part in a clay modelling workshop with our Sculpture department, working from highlights in our plaster cast collection.

11:00am - 1pm
Printmaking - Building 16

● Printmaking Workshop: Play with screen-printing images provided by NAS staff and alumni onto fabric in this open access workshop. Students will demonstrate some basic techniques and then assist you to print your own tote bag or tea towel, or if you prefer a t-shirt, please bring one along!

11:30am - 12:00pm
Red Theatre - Building 5

● Short Courses Info Session: Learn about our extensive range of open-entry short courses; from beginner to advanced levels; for ages 16 and above.

11:30am - 12:15pm
Black Theatre - Building 5

● Bachelor of Fine Art Info Session: Join our lecturers to learn about postgraduate study options and the admissions process.

Activities Key

- Course info session
- Exhibition
- Guided campus tour
- Talk
- Workshop/Hands-on activities
- Rest stops
- Open Studios/Open Facilities

11:30am - 12:15pm
Across campus - Meet at Cell Block Theatre Courtyard

● Guided Campus Tour: The Future Students team will lead you on a campus tour of studios, workshops, and facilities including the Library, and the Archive and Collection.

12:30 - 1:15pm
Red Theatre - Building 5

● Master of Fine Art (Research) Info Session: Join our lecturers to learn about postgraduate study options and the admissions process.

12:30 - 1:15pm
Black Theatre - Building 5

● Panel Talk: Join Michael Hill, Head of Art History and Theory, in conversation with Luke Thurgate and Sadhbha Cockburn, Alumni and Drawing Lecturers. Michael, Luke and Sadhbha will discuss the transition from student to practitioner, and how artists can learn by teaching.

1:30 - 2:15pm
Guided Campus Tour - Meet at Forbes St reception area

● Guided Campus Tour: The Future Students team will lead you on a campus tour of our studios, workshops, and facilities such as the Library, and Archive and Collection.

1:30 - 2:15pm
Black Theatre - Building 5

● Doctor of Fine Art Info Session: Join our lecturers to learn about postgraduate study options and the admissions process.

1:30 - 2:15pm
Red Theatre - Building 5

● Scholarships, Residencies and Awards: Find out more about the opportunities available during and after your studies here at NAS.

2:30 - 3:15pm
Black Theatre - Building 5

● Bachelor of Fine Art Info Session: Join our lecturers to learn about undergraduate study options and the admissions process.

Explore what student life
looks like at Australia's leading con-
temporary art school.

3:15 - 4:00pm
Guided Campus Tour
- Meet at Forbes St reception area

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1A	Security	23	NAS Gallery
1	Photomedia (ground & 1st level)	24	Ceramics (ground), Painting (1st & 2nd levels)
2	NAS Café	25	Third Space
5	Black Theatre, Red Theatre, Ceramics, Sculpture (ground), Painting (1st & 2nd levels)	26	Sculpture (ground), Drawing (1st & 2nd levels)
9	Sculpture	27	Printmaking (ground & 1st level)
11	MFA studios (1st & 2nd levels); Rayner Hoff Project Space (ground, B); Workshop (C); Archive and Collections (1st level, D)	28	Chapel
14	Library, Library Stairwell Gallery (14A)	DN	LIFE DRAWING
16&18	Printmaking		First Peoples Centre
20	Cell Block Theatre		
	COURSE ENQUIRIES		
	ONE ON ONE CONSULTATIONS		
22	Parkers Art Supplies		

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