



**The Arts helps to build the characters,
the personalities, the people of the future!**

Bridgewater High School has always been passionate about the Arts. This goes back to the time when we were selected as a specialist school for the Performing Arts. We remain as committed to the Arts today as we were then and are sure that the Arts should be at the heart of any curriculum.

We believe that the Arts (Drama, Dance, Art and Music), provide character development for our younger generation. What are called “social and emotional learning opportunities” teach pupils to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. We provide this within independent and group learning across our individual subjects. We are constantly nurturing the development of empathy and emotional intelligence. Young people need the opportunity in school to develop their practical wisdom and ethical responsibilities. Our Faculty consistently provides this.

Creativity, performing and volunteering or membership (involvement and belonging) are three of the “five foundations for building character” shared by former secretary of state for education Damien Hinds. Hinds states that these activities “combine elements that will stretch and challenge and will help young people think, develop and grow and which will enhance their self-esteem and confidence”. (2019)

These are all elements of moral, civic, performance and intellectual character virtues. We have incorporated this belief into our Curriculum through our holistic Intent of clear EPA Principles – the UMBRELLA of our Teaching and Learning.

Head of Expressive and Performing Arts Faculty

