



Dulwich High School
of Visual Arts & Design

Visual Arts and Design Specialist Stream Application Year 7 2026

Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design provides opportunities for students to pursue excellence within the disciplines of Visual Arts and Design, whilst studying a comprehensive curriculum prescribed by NESA, for the attainment of ROSA (Record of Student Achievement) and Higher School Certificate.

Students seeking admission to the Visual Arts and Design Specialist stream need to demonstrate a strong engagement and commitment as creative students. The application, interview and portfolio process provide students with the opportunity to showcase their level of creative thinking, problem solving and artmaking skills.

Students will be considered for a place in the Visual Arts and Design Specialist Stream at Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design by a panel on all three components of the application process. The 3 components are:

1. Application

The completed application provides information on student interests and academic capacity relevant for demonstrating suitability for the Visual Arts and Design Specialist Stream.

The application must be completed in full. Incomplete forms will not be processed. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure all sections are completed and submitted by the due date.

2. Interview

Applicants will be interviewed regarding their portfolio (4-6 items), their general ability, interests and experiences of art and/or design including, making practices, thinking processes, and appreciation.

All applicants will be notified by email of the interview date and time. See Application Schedule below. If you do not receive a notification of an interview date, please contact Ms Kardum on 9560 7299 on Wednesday 30 April 2025.

3. Portfolio

Applicants will present a portfolio representing their body of work during the interview. This requires 4 to 6 original pieces of the applicant's artwork and/or design projects demonstrating experiences using a variety of mediums. The works presented must have been produced within the last 18 months and must be **entirely** the student's own work.

Work samples may include painting, drawing, video or animation, sculpture, textiles design, photography or graphic, jewellery or timber design.

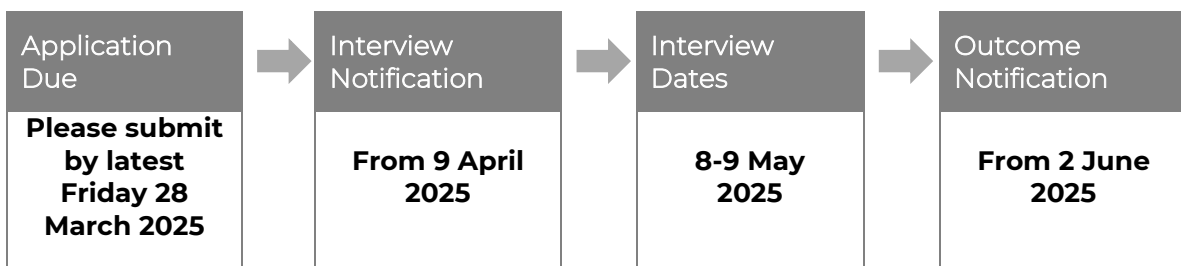
Open Night 2026

Wednesday 5 March 2025
Please see our website for details.

Application due

latest Friday 28 March 2025

Application Schedule



Completing the Application

Completed by parent/carer's and student:

Section A

Student Information, passport photo of the applicant with name and date of birth written on the back and a non-refundable administration fee of \$50 payable to the school.

Section B

Student Academic Information lists the supporting documents to be included in the application.

Section C

Application to Enrol in an NSW Government School Form (available on our website), applicant's Birth Certificate and Immunisation History.

Please **do not** submit the application in a display folder, no staples, paperclips, or plastic sleeves.

Due Date: All sections must be completed and received by Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design by latest Friday 28 March 2025 - **3:00pm**. The \$50 non-refundable administration fee is due at this time.

Delivery: Applications may be delivered by hand or posted to:

Dulwich High School of Visual Arts & Design
1-9 Seaview St Dulwich Hill NSW 2203.
Marked "VADSS Application 2026".

NOTE: EMAILS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

Completed & submitted by applicant's current primary school:

Section D & E

Must be **completed and submitted** by the applicant's primary school (Principal or delegated staff member) and emailed to Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design (dulwich-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) attention "VADSS Enrolment Coordinator" by latest 3:30pm Friday 28 March 2025. Please ensure you give the Primary School ample time to complete required sections.

\$50 Application Fee

Online Payments:

- o Go to: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/other-payment/1650> . Click then tick on "Add item".
- o Attach a copy of this receipt to your application.

In Person: cash or credit card at the school's finance office.

Expression of Interest form (EOI)

Your child's **Expression of Interest form** (EOI) must be submitted online through your Primary Schools website.

Non- Government Schools

Applicants from a non-government primary school:

Complete an *Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School* Form (available on our website), the applicant's Birth Certificate and Immunisation History. Originals must be sighted at Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design.

Appeals: Appeals can only be made on the process and should be made in writing to: Mr Lance Raskall, Principal, DHSVAD within two weeks of the notification date. The school does not provide feedback on individual applications.

Note: Successful enrolment in the Visual Arts and Design Specialist Stream is a specialist selection and does not confer sibling rights to enrol at Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design.

Section A

Student Details

Family Name:

Given Names:

Name of Current School:

Number of years enrolled at the current school:

Name of any siblings currently attending Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design:

Attach a passport size photo here. Include on the reverse of the photo: student's name and date of birth.

* If your application is unsuccessful into the Visual Arts and Design Specialist Stream, would you like to be considered for a Mainstream Application:

Yes

No

Declaration of accuracy and signature.

I declare the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate and complete. I am aware that if information I have given is false or misleading, any decision made as a result of this application may be changed.

I confirm that:

1. The documents provided in Section B and C are for/of the named applicant.
2. The Portfolio presented at the interview is the applicant's work in entirety.

Applicant's

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant's Parent/carer's

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Date Application Received: _____

Application Fee Received: _____

Online Receipt sited/attached: Yes No NA

Actioned by: _____

Section A Continued

Student Details

We ask the applicant to respond to the following questions.

1. Give details of experience and achievements in Visual Arts and Design. Additional information may be attached (photocopies only).

2. Give details of experiences and interests in other areas of school (eg: academic, sporting, drama, and dance ensemble etc.).

3. Explain why being in the Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design Specialist stream would be beneficial to you and your education.

4. In what ways do you see yourself as a creative person?

Section B

Student Academic Information

Applicants need to attach copies.

School reports and NAPLAN must be verified as true copies of the originals by the current school, with the school stamp.

Most recent Yearly school report

Most recent Half-yearly school report

Applicants may attach copies of the following supporting documentation:

NAPLAN Report
(Year 5, verified with a school stamp)

Merit Certificates from school (only include certificates that recognise significant artistic/creative achievement)

Certificates from workshops/courses outside of school (only include certificates that recognise significant artistic/creative achievement)

Evidence of extra-curricular or community involvement
(eg: choir, band, debating, SRC, sport, community or charity work)

Section C

Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School

Access the [Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School](#) (also available on the school's website enrolment page)

Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School form

Birth Certificate

Immunisation History

Section D

Primary School use only

School Academic Information

Due latest Friday 28 March 2025. This section must be completed by the Principal or delegated staff member at your current school and emailed to dulwich-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Family Name:

Given Names:

D.O.B:

School:

a) Achievement across the curriculum

Outstanding

Above Average

Average

Below Average

Comment: _____

b) Attitude, behaviour and commitment to learning

Outstanding

Above Average

Average

Below Average

Comment: _____

c) Genuine interest and commitment to the study of Visual Arts and Design

Outstanding

Above Average

Average

Below Average

Comment: _____

d) Overall Comment

Comment: _____

Completed by Principal/delegate:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section E

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School Background Information

Due latest Friday 28 March 2025. This section must be completed by the Principal or delegated staff member at your current school and emailed to dulwich-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Family Name:

Given Names:

D.O.B:

School:

Information required about student seeking enrolment.

To assist us to conduct a risk assessment in the context of enrolment, please complete this form. In the event that the student is accepted, please forward all relevant information. This should include the student's enrolment details, risk assessments undertaken relating to the student, behaviour management or disciplinary processes undertaken within the school, any reports of concerns raised by classroom teachers, notes relevant from student welfare committees.

Indicate in the boxes (Yes/No) the information below

Student Profile	Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-English-Speaking Background (NESB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Has Learning Support Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> This student needs learning support in _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Diagnosed Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
specify the diagnosed condition _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Has Health Care Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gifted/High Potential Learning in _____		

This student was:	Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/> Was suspended for violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of suspensions: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expelled for violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Made threats of violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Was in possession on school premises of a weapon or implement used or intended to cause harm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Has a documented history of violence or use of illicit drugs or legal drugs in a manner not prescribed, or use of alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Required management behaviour support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Has had a risk assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Completed by Principal/delegate:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____