Preamble/Rationale:
The Arts Program at Craigieburn South Primary School is based on the belief that: “The Arts are a fundamental means of expression and communication in all societies. Through the Arts we gain a sense of our social and individual identity.”

Purpose:
- To develop the intellectual and expressive potential of all students through the Arts curriculum.
- To ensure that students have access to a range of art experiences and art forms in The Arts program.
- To develop skills in appreciation and critical review through describing, analysing, interpreting and evaluating their own and others art work.
- To develop understanding and appreciation of the role the Arts play in social and cultural contexts.

Implementation:
- All Arts programs are developmental and focus on VELS progression points.
- The Arts program includes the disciplines of Visual Arts, Drama, Dance and Music.

Performing Arts
- Oral language through movement is taught to Prep and Grade 1 by a specialist teacher.
- Choir participation is offered to interested students.
- Dance club and drama, where possible, will be offered to students.
- Boys will be encouraged to participate in all aspects of the Arts.
- Opportunities are given to the choir and dance group to perform at open days, community activities etc.
- Students from Prep-6 experience dance, drama and music when participating in the school concert which occurs every two years.
- Dance will be taught to students in Prep-6 during term 4. Students are given an opportunity to perform at our School Social which occurs at the end of every year.
- A private instrumental music program operates for any interested students from Prep-6. This program gives instruction in various instruments by qualified instructors. This is a private arrangement between the contracted provider and the student and is supported by the school. There is an expectation that there will be a performance every year to showcase talent and learning.
- Classroom programs include poems and singing.

Visual Arts
- Visual Arts is taught as a specialist subject in a specially equipped art room where all forms of visual arts are taught as per VELS.
- Every student will be given the opportunity to exhibit in an Art Show held every two years.

Evaluation
- Assessment in The Arts using VELS will be ongoing – checklists, anecdotal notes.
- Progression points and rubrics will be used.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2009
This policy will be reviewed in 2012