

THE BUTCHER SHOP

An Introduction to Urban Art : Notes for Teachers

About

The Butcher Shop, with outlets in Northbridge and Fremantle, is an art supply store specialising in Urban Art supplies and books. Our staff are very supportive of connecting student's art learning experiences in the classroom with the working arts industry in Perth. With this in mind, the staff at The Butcher Shop have developed these resources which are ready to use for secondary art students. All activities are in line with the K-10 Syllabus.

All artwork examples throughout the pack have been created by local artists, further enriching the students' understanding of the arts industry on a local level.

'An Introduction to Urban Art' has been developed as a term long course for students. It uses the Walking Tour as an excursion, where the students will gather material to complete a number of activities back in the classroom. The students work toward creating a final urban inspired artwork that can be either an individual canvas or group mural.

Urban Art versus Graffiti Vandalism

All examples shown during the Walking Tour have been created legally. It may be useful to provide students with an understanding of the differences between Urban Art and Graffiti Vandalism. The Western Australian Government website www.goodbye graffiti.wa.gov.au provides useful definitions and resources for schools in educating students about graffiti.

Guided Tours

While we have made the Urban Art Walking Tour resources as a self guided tour so it accessible to all groups regardless of resources, we are able to join your excursion group and guide the tour for a fee. If you are interested in having us join your group please email aimee@thebutchershop.com.au

Mural Funding

Having your class work together on a group mural at your school or in your local community can be a great way to complete this term project. Healthway (www.healthway.wa.gov.au) is one place that offers grants to schools if you need funding to help pay for materials and workshop artists. In this instance your final artwork brief to the students could involve them including a Healthway key health message to fulfil your grant requirements.

Materials

The Butcher Shop offer a great range of reference books, including books showing stencil and spray painting techniques.

If your final artwork is on smaller surface such as a skate deck, recycled found object or a canvas we would recommend using aerosol paints for backgrounds, and paint pens or stencils for detail work.

If you are painting a large mural we would recommend using aerosol paint on an outdoor surface that has been primed with acrylic house paint. Spray painting techniques can be difficult to master, and it may be necessary to engage a professional artists to ensure your end result is something the students can be proud of.

Please contact the store if you need recommendations on reference books or art materials.

Professional Urban Artists

Week 7-8 could be a good time to have an Urban Artist come to your school to help the students develop aerosol techniques.

Please visit www.thebutchershop.com.au/community/for_teachers/artist_contacts for an up to date list of current practicing artists.

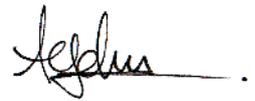
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Always be sure to look back at our resources page for updates, new editions and the latest version of documents.

We hope you enjoy using the resources, and would love to hear any feedback you would like to share.



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