

BALLARAT HIGH SCHOOL ART/DESIGN FOLIO: **MATURE CONTENT AND NUDITY POLICY**

This applies to any subject where folios of work are to be created, including: Art, Media, Product Design, Studio Art & VCD.

Students studying art and design subjects will be aware that creative professionals often deal with controversial or mature themes in their work. When studying artists, students are expected to take a considered approach and avoid deliberately searching for inappropriate material.

All artworks created or referenced by students must be appropriate and acceptable for a school environment. Students may not include any material which may be deemed as offensive or inappropriate in their folios. This includes sexually explicit or provocative imagery as well as depictions of graphic violence or illegal activity.

Individual classroom teachers reserve the right to decide on whether or not material present in folios and artworks is appropriate for the school culture and setting of Ballarat High School. Artworks and folio material will be deemed as appropriate and acceptable based on the discretion of the subject teacher and any imagery seen to be unacceptable must be removed from the folio, and therefore cannot be assessed which may impact on their results and ATAR score. Students should consult with their teacher before and throughout any work touching on controversial issues to ensure that none of their work is ruled inadmissible.

PHOTOGRAPHIC NUDITY

Students are not permitted to take or include any photographic material that features nudity in their folios or in the presentation of their artworks, regardless of the age of the model. This includes suggested nudity as well as photos taken by others. In the case of students acting as models a very conservative interpretation will apply.

ART TECH NIGHT (annual Art and Technology exhibition)

Some work may be deemed acceptable for assessment but not for display at Art Tech Night. Art Tech Night is a school event attended by younger students and a broad cross section of the school community. Teachers reserve the right to deem VCE work too mature in nature for Art Tech Night in which case it cannot be displayed.

BREACHES OF POLICY

Any breaches of this policy will result in students being asked to remove the offending material from their folio. If this is not complied with, their entire body of work will not be assessed, they will receive an 'N' and may fail the unit.