# planning kit for schools

The stage is set for Education Week 2018, which is all about ‘Celebrating the arts’.

Education Week is an opportunity for all primary and secondary schools and early childhood services to showcase the innovative and outstanding work they are doing for students in the arts.

The week aims to shine a spotlight on arts subjects including dance, drama, music, visual arts and media arts.

During Education Week, we encourage schools to get involved and hold creative activities and events that relate to the ‘Celebrating the arts’theme and we hope this guide will help towards your planning.

## Ways to get involved

* Attend one of the fun and free [Education Week activities](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/2018EducationWeekCalendar.aspx) on offer to schools
	+ share your photos and updates on social media using the hashtag **#edweekvic**
* Hold an arts activity in your school
	+ let us know what you’re up to by emailing your photos and stories to us
	+ share your activity with us on [social media](https://twitter.com/detvic) by using the hashtag **#edweekvic**
* Download, print and display Education Week resources around your school, including:
	+ [Education Week 2018 poster](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/PublishingImages/about/events/2018EducationWeek_poster_A4.pdf)
	+ arts themed resources

If your school is doing something interesting during Education Week, we would love to hear about it in advance. Please send your stories and photos to education.week@edumail.vic.gov.au

## Hold an Education week activity at school

Below are some ideas of activities related to the ‘Celebrating the arts’ theme to help guide your plans for Education Week. Activities can be as large or as small as you like.

* hold an open day/school tours with a special focus on student achievement in arts
* display artworks by students in an exhibition for the community
* hold an “Open Mic” session for students to share their favourite poetry or artistic hobby
* dance, music and drama performances for the community
* hold an outdoor painting class
* hold a creative writing competition
* create a school mural involving all year groups
* hold special lessons in animation, dance or photography
* hold music therapy and art therapy sessions
* create an school arts challenge (students vs. teachers)
* create an arts newsletter with submissions by students to be sent home
* invite local artists into school to hold a workshop and speak about their careers
* incorporate the arts into core subjects such as English, science and mathematics

## USEFUL Resources

[National Gallery of Victory Kids](https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/education/resources/)

ABC Education resources: [Visual arts](http://education.abc.net.au/home#!/topic/1596728/visual-arts), [Media arts](http://education.abc.net.au/home#!/topic/1597421/media-arts), [Dance](http://education.abc.net.au/home#!/topic/1607218/dance), [Drama](http://education.abc.net.au/home#!/topic/1596077/drama), and [Music](http://education.abc.net.au/home#!/topic/1602367/music)

ABC Education ‘[photography projects for kids](http://education.abc.net.au/newsandarticles/blog/-/b/2453793/7-educational-photography-projects-for-kids)’

[Australian Music Therapy Association resources](https://www.austmta.org.au/resources)

[Australian Sports Commission Move to Dance guide](https://www.healthyactivekids.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Companion-Book-Dance.pdf)

## Connect with education week on social media

We would love you to share all of the exciting things your school does during Education Week. Remember to use the hashtag (#edweekvic), and link the Department accounts so we can share your posts. A social media tile is available for download on the Education Week [webpage](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek).

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| Social Media |  |
| Ed Week hashtag | #edweekvic |
| **DET Twitter** | @DETVic |
| **DET LinkedIn** | https://www.linkedin.com/company/educationvic |
| **Education Week website** | http://www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek |

**Use of photos:** Please remember to check your policy regarding permission for the use of photos online.

## Use the colourful email signature block

To use the Education Week email signature, download the image from the website and copy and paste into your signature and link to the Education Week Website <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek>

Instructions for changing your email signature below:

[Outlook](https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Create-and-add-a-signature-to-messages-8ee5d4f4-68fd-464a-a1c1-0e1c80bb27f2) [Gmail](https://support.google.com/mail/answer/8395?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en) [Apple Mail](https://support.apple.com/kb/PH19144?locale=en_GB&viewlocale=en_US)

## Further Information

If you have questions or require any assistance, please get in touch with the department.

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