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APPLYING FOR TOP ARTS 2026

Please complete the steps below in an email addressed to topartssubmission@ngv.vic.gov.au

This application form applies to the submission of one artwork. If you are submitting more than one artwork for Top Arts 2026, please submit each as a separate application.

If you are a student not receiving an ATAR in 2025, please make sure you download the **Top Arts Letter of Endorsement**, ask your teacher to complete and sign the form, and then attach it to your submission email.

STEP 1: NAME YOUR APPLICATION

In the 'Subject' line of your email, please enter your full name followed by a hyphen and the name of your artwork.

For example: **Dorothea Tanning – Door 84**

STEP 2: YOUR DETAILS

- **VCAA student ID number:** This is the 8 digit number ending with a letter character i.e. XXXXXXXXA.
- **First name:**
- **Second name:**
- **Preferred pronouns:** (he/him, she/her, they/them)
- **Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?**
- **Mobile number:**

STEP 3: YOUR SCHOOL AND TEACHER'S DETAILS

Please make sure you have your teacher's permission before you provide their name and email address.

- **School name:**
- **School address:**
- **School sector:** (Independent, Government, Catholic)
- **Teacher name:**
- **Teacher email address:**

STEP 4: YOUR ARTWORK DETAILS

If you are submitting more than one artwork for Top Arts please submit each as a separate application.

- **Study:** (Art Making Exhibiting or Art Creative Practice)
- **Artwork title:**
- **Medium:**
- **Measurements:**
- **Web link:** If there is a multimedia component to your work, please provide a link to a host site ie. youtube, vimeo etc
- **Artist Statement:** Tell us about your work in no more than 100 words

STEP 5: ATTACH IMAGES OF YOUR WORK

Attach a maximum of 5 images of your work in .jpg format.

- **Please make sure your images show your artwork clearly.**
- **If your artwork is 3D, consider supplying images of the artwork at different angles, and/or an image that provides a sense of scale.**
- **You can include images of pages from your folio if they aid the understanding of your finished artwork.**
- **If your artwork is a moving image, you can provide screen shots or stills of your work.**

Please note the maximum total file size for email attachments is 25MB. Keep the size of your files to a minimum to ensure you have enough space to attach images of your work and your authentication record.

STEP 6: ATTACH YOUR AUTHENTICATION RECORD

Scan the authentication record completed by your teacher, save it as a pdf and attach it to your email.

STEP 7: FINAL CHECK, THEN SEND

Before clicking that send button, ensure that:

- **You have completed every step**
- **You have attached images of your artwork and your authentication record**
- **You have attached a completed Top Arts Letter of Endorsement, only if you are not receiving an ATAR in 2025.**
- **You are sending this email from your personal - not your school - email address**
- **Email your submission to topartssubmission@ngv.vic.gov.au**

By submitting your application you consent to the National Gallery of Victoria's (NGV) collection and use of the information you provide as part of your Top Arts 2026 application. The NGV will use the information that you provide as part of your Top Arts 2026 application (including information about your artwork) to administer your participation in the Top Arts 2026 process. This may include, but is not limited to, shortlisting applications, exhibiting works by successful applicants, and promotional activities. The information you provide may be disclosed to and used by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and/or any relevant contractors, in relation to these purposes. The NGV may not be able to process your application if the information requested is not provided.

For more information about privacy at the NGV, please see our **Information Privacy Policy** and our **Privacy Statement**.