TESTING INFORMATION
SPECIALIST GRAPHIC DESIGN MEDIA
MELVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

TESTING DATE (first round testing)
Friday April 12, 8.30 - 11.00 a.m

INTERVIEW TIMES during the following week

ELIGIBILITY

Students must either be in current Year 7 (or equivalent) for entry in 2014 or Year 6 (for entry in 2015). Parents of students in Year 5 are also welcomed to attend one of our regular walk-throughs, though they may not apply in 2013.

TESTING PROCESS

Contact the school for the full information and specialist program application forms. On the day of testing please bring in your child's portfolio, making sure it is CLEARLY LABELLED. There will be a box at front reception for these to be placed into.

On the day of testing, parents and applicants are requested to arrive at school by 8.30 a.m. to meet at the front office. Portfolio drop off and registration occurs, then students are taken into the testing room. Here, they will sit an aptitude test which is given to all specialist program students, as well as a short design test. Testing begins at 9 a.m. and finishes at 11a.m. Parents are encouraged to leave their children and return slightly before this time.

THE PORTFOLIO

The portfolio should contain a variety of work completed by the applicant in the past 18 months. It MUST contain:

- A filled out application form fixed to the portfolio inner cover (the other already having been sent to the school).
- A range of project work (see list of relevant types of work overleaf).

It is anticipated that most folios/ folders of work will be either A4/ A3 size, however a folder up to A2 size may be submitted. Any 3D work (for example dress designs, models, jewellery etc) needs to be photographed and put into the folio. The front office cannot accept 3D work and bulky items due to space considerations. It is also acceptable to submit work on a CD or DVD burned as an information disc (not autoplay DVD). Image files may be saved as either JPEG/ PSD/ or PDF formats. Animations and films need to be saved as a common file format (QuickTime, MOV, FLV, GIF etc). Please check your disc
after burning to ensure the disc works. Discs need to be labelled and still need to be submitted in a folder containing the application form and A3 drawing / ideation exercise that has been sent out to you with the application. Sketchbooks/ scrapbooks are also fine to be included in the folio. However, please ensure any loose materials are also labelled to help prevent loss.

**TYPES OF WORK THAT CAN BE SUBMITTED IN THE PORTFOLIO**

The focus of the course will be creativity with an application or use. While we welcome a certain amount of visual art and demonstrations of drawing/ painting ability, the focus of the work should be on designed articles, in whatever form. Some of this work may be created on computer, but we are equally interested in seeing works on paper. The types of work can include (but are not limited to):

- **GRAPHIC DESIGN** (logos, magazines, stickers, T-shirts, printed matter, advertising, branding, Photoshop work etc.)
- **FASHION DESIGN** (drawings and created pieces)
- **PHOTOGRAPHY** (especially photographs that follow a theme or a brief)
- **WEB DESIGN**
- **ANIMATION** (these could be displayed in portfolio as a range of stills or screen shots, or handed in as digital on a disc)
- **CARTOONING AND COMIC CREATION**
- **FILM MAKING** (these could be displayed in portfolio as a range of stills or screen shots, or handed in as digital on a disc)
- **PRINTMAKING**
- **BOOK/ STORY ILLUSTRATION**
- **JEWELLERY AND APPLIED SCULPTURE**
- **MODEL MAKING/ ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN**
- **PACKAGING DESIGN**
- **INDUSTRIAL DESIGN**
- **INTERIOR DESIGN**
- **DRAWINGS** (especially those with an application, for example sketches of ideas for a cartoon character, or storyboards for a film, or illustrations for a book)
- **PERSONAL SKETCHBOOKS/ SCRAPBOOKS** (these may contain any sort of work)

**THE INTERVIEW**

All parents of applicants will be informed of the results of the testing process by letter in the week following. If successful in gaining an interview, parents will be informed by telephone call to confirm a time for interview. If unsuccessful, parents are requested to collect their child’s portfolio from the front office staff.

The interviews are planned to be around 15 minutes in length. Parents are encouraged to come into the interview room with their child. The focus of discussion will be work displayed in their portfolio, which will be returned during interview.

**FURTHER QUESTIONS**

For any further assistance or questions about the program, or to organise a tour, please contact the program coordinator Lev Vytkopal on 9330 0295.