



# Design Now

*An exciting exhibition designed especially for upper primary/secondary students and young adults involved in art/design studies or learning to use design-based strategies as a way of shaping their world.*

## SACSA Middle School: The Arts

Design Now is a comprehensive resource for students studying the Arts at Middle School level in all three strands: Arts Practice, Arts in Context, Arts Analysis and Response

### Arts Practice

The contemporary artist/designers in the exhibition have been inspired by many different things including nature, environmental and social issues and their own personal experiences. By observing where artists get their ideas students can be motivated to explore their own options.

The artists in Design Now have used a wide variety of strategies to develop work from concept to finished item. These strategies can be used as models for students to try within their own work.

The way in which the artists have interacted with and used materials can offer directions for students to explore in their own work.

### Arts in Context

Students can research the artist/designers who discuss and reflect in their work the influence of contemporary social, technological and environmental issues.

Comparisons can be made with design works from the recent and distant past looking at changes in skills, techniques and technology.

The diversity of styles, ideas and expression within Design Now can be studied as entry points into the world of contemporary design.

Students can investigate the role of JamFactory as a significant organisation that supports contemporary arts practices in South Australia.

The professional profiles of the different artists signpost post-school career pathways.

### Arts Analysis and Response

The artworks in the exhibition can be used by students for research, analysis and comparison of artworks using specific art language.

'Explore' activities require students to form and share opinions

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*Learning Connections is an arts access program developed by Country Arts SA for regional South Australian school communities. Its broad objective is to encourage and support schools' access to touring art exhibitions. It offers teachers specific resources and strategies for using exhibitions as curriculum resource and to encourage meaningful encounters for students with art and design from the earliest years.*