THE ARTS

What you will need:
In order that your young person can remain in contact with their teacher and class - a phone or internet-enabled device may be needed for this purpose. They may need access to the school’s agreed means of electronic file sharing and contact information such as the teacher’s e-mail address. Find out what Learning Management System or document sharing platform your young person’s class will be using.

Your young person may also need:
- A space for dance/drama practice - this does not have to be large.
- Arts materials
- An instrument and space to play
- A camera - this could be on a phone.

How you can help:
- The Arts are a way of understanding the world, ourselves and those around us. Encourage your young person to reflect upon and unpack what is happening around them.
- Support and celebrate your young person’s creativity and be their audience. Watch, listen, respond and encourage.
- Support your learner to sustain their arts practice. All art forms are about making and responding.
- Mastery of technique is crucial to the development of any artist. Encourage your young person to develop a rehearsal/practise routine to refine and develop their artistic skills.
- The Arts have practical and ensemble elements to their courses that can be hard to completely replicate when learning at home. Encourage your young person to do what is possible at this time and not worry about what cannot be done.
- Encourage ingenuity and flexibility in your young person as they respond to learning at home. If, for example, a particular arts material cannot be sourced from outside the home, are there alternatives in the home? If they need to work with others, what modes of communication can be used?

Complementary activities
Many artistic institutions - including theatre companies, dance companies, art galleries, opera companies, musical theatre companies and museums - are sharing or streaming online. For example, ballet companies are running full dance classes and showing how you can set up a home studio space in a corner of a bedroom.
The following are links to online plays, productions and cultural institutions:

- For Theatre Performance/ Drama students
  - A free download of [plays](#)
  - Australian Theatre for Young People [on demand](#)
  - National Theatre Live
- For Theatre Performance/ Drama/ Dance students: [Live stream](#) of theatre and dance
- For Dance students: [AusDance Victoria](#) has online classes and other activities
- For Visual Arts/ Drama students: Virtual [concerts, plays, and museums](#)

Social media can be a good way for your learner to co-create with others and share or deliver their art works to an audience.

Encourage your young person access the internet to see the wonderful ways different artists around the world are responding to challenging and changing situations!

**Links to more information:**

- [Learning at home](#) on the Department of Education website

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