

Angela McCormack

Visual Arts Educator | Curriculum & Assessment Specialist | Arts Leader

More than 25 years in education, spanning Junior School and secondary teaching, Art department leadership, pre-service teacher education, syllabus development and assessment quality assurance. Angela is Director of Understanding Art and creator of the SEEU Method, connecting close observation with evidence-based reasoning and meaning-making.

School and university leadership

Head of Art, Years 5-12

Brisbane Grammar School

January 2014 - May 2021

Led a department serving around 1,000 students each year, with staff, budget and curriculum responsibilities. Led implementation of the new General Visual Art syllabus and QCE assessment model.

Lecturer in Charge (sessional)

Australian Catholic University

2013-2016; 2018; 2020

Visual Arts Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment. Prepared pre-service teachers for Years 7-12 teaching and assessment.

Head of Department Art, Years 7-12

Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie)

January 2012 - December 2013

Led the Art department; chaired the churchie national emerging art prize in 2013.

Teacher and Acting Head of Department Art

Iona College, Brisbane

January 2004 - December 2011

Began entirely in the Junior School in 2004, later teaching across Years 5-12 and completing two Acting Head of Department appointments.

Current practice

Director, Understanding Art

Education consultancy

June 2021 - present

Professional learning, curriculum and assessment consultancy, classroom resources and the SEEU Method: Spot, Examine, Explore and Understand.

Year 1 Teacher (permanent part-time)

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School, Algester

July 2026 - present

Curriculum and sector work

QCAA Expert Writing Team

2016-2017

One of seven teachers who drafted and authored the General Visual Art syllabus.

Visual Art Panellist, QSA / QCAA

2001-2002; 2007-2019

School-based assessment quality assurance.

AITSL

2013; 2014-2016

Expert Teacher Group, Classroom Practice Continuum; Focus Group of the Profession.

QAGOMA

2014-2021

Teacher Advisory Group.

Selected publication

Cambridge University Press

Co-author, 2017-2018

Creative Inquiry: Visual Art for Queensland Senior Secondary Students.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

James Cook University, 1996

QCAA accreditation

2020

Courses 1-7, including endorsement, confirmation and external assessment, plus Academic Integrity.

Queensland College of Teachers

Full registration