

BROWNE SCHOOL OF ART.



PAINTING 2 Tuesday Morning 2025

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PAINTING 2: MORNING - 2025

Day classes: Tuesdays 9.00am – 1.00pm

Term 1: Tues 11 February – Tues 8 April

Term 2: Tues 29 April – Tues 24 June

Term 3: Tues 15 July – Tues 9 September

Term 4: Tues 7 October – Tues 11 November

Exhibition: Friday 21 November – Sunday 23 November 2025

Painting 2				
Term 1	Week 1	11/02/25	Tuesdays 9.00am – 1.00pm	
	2	18/02/25		
	3	25/02/25		
	4	4/03/25		
	5	11/03/25		
	6	18/03/25		
	7	25/03/25		
	WORKSHOP	29/3/25		Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm MB
	8	1/04/25		
	WORKSHOP	5/4/25		Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm DC
Term 2	9	8/04/25		
	Week 1	29/04/25		
	2	6/05/25		
	3	13/05/25		
	4	20/05/25		
	5	27/05/25		
	6	3/06/25		
	WORKSHOP	7/06/25	Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm MB	
	7	10/06/25		
Term 3	8	17/06/25		
	9	24/06/25		
	Week 1	15/07/25		
	2	22/07/25		
	3	29/07/25		
	4	5/08/25		
	5	12/08/25		
	6	19/08/25		
	7	26/08/25		
Term 4	8	2/09/25		
	9	9/09/25		
	Week 1	7/10/25		
	2	14/10/25		
	WORKSHOP	18/10/25	Saturday 9.00am – 1.00pm DC	
	3	21/10/25		
	4	28/10/25		
	5	4/11/25		
	6	11/11/25		
		Installation 20/11 Exhibition 21-23/11		

Course Outline

This is a course for painters with some experience to progress towards creative independence. Over four continuous terms students will be encouraged to develop the beginnings of a professional and dedicated approach to painting, through the development of a personal philosophy and practice.

The year will culminate in a professionally curated exhibition in the studio/gallery, representing work produced by course students during the second semester (Terms 3 & 4).

During Term 1 and 2 drawing and painting will be integrated and the class will follow a prescribed broad range of two-dimensional skills.

Term 3 and 4 will encourage a more independent and individual methodology building upon each student's personal objectives and mid-year statement of intent.

Art History – with Linda Yang

15 sessions scheduled for Monday mornings 9.30 - 11.30am **OR** Wednesday evenings 6.00 – 8.00pm (ZOOM)

Term 2 & 4 (9 & 6 weeks). Art History classes will help you become more informed and engaged with the visual arts. There is no additional course cost to you, and the benefit will be immeasurable.

Workshop – Grounds and Supports with Matthew Browne

Term 1 – Saturday 29 March 2025 - 10.00am – 4.00pm

Workshop – Writing your Work Plan – with Deborah Crowe

Term 2 – Saturday 5 April 2025 – 9.00am – 1.00 pm

Idea development workshop. Working towards a self-directed approach.

This workshop provides you with some tools and strategies to help you develop connections in your work and begin to analyse the creative process. Exploring processes that are 'open-minded, curious and rigorous' as detailed in the course brief. This workshop feeds directly into developing a workplan.

Workshop – Seeing Colour with Matthew Browne

Term 2 – Saturday 7 June 2025 – 10.00 – 4.00pm

Workshop – Writing your Artist Statement – with Deborah Crowe

Term 4 – Saturday 18 October 2025 – 9.00am – 1.00pm

Approaches to writing about your work and to help develop ideas - towards writing an artist's statement.

Outcomes

At the completion of Term 1 & 2 it is expected that students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the concepts of line, tone, form, space, perspective and proportion.
- Compose drawings and paintings from a variety of sources.
- Convey knowledge of basic colour theory through practice.
- Understand and identify aspects of balance, harmony and discord.
- Demonstrate how a drawing or painting can embody aesthetic, emotional, sensual and intellectual experience.
- Identify and demonstrate a range of basic painting approaches and techniques.

At the completion of Term 3 & 4 it is expected that students will be able to:

- Select and structure visual elements to successfully communicate ideas.
- Source and develop ideas and be able to initiate research independently.
- Successfully analyse, interpret and convey an understanding of painting practices and concepts employed by others.
- Identify an ongoing focus of personal research and practice.
- Be able to present and discuss developing ideas and methodologies with clarity and understanding.

Teaching Strategies

At the very least you can expect feedback from your tutors each week either individually or within a class discussion or critique. We will endeavour to:

- Create an enjoyable, positive and supportive working environment
- Identify and offer practical advice both individually and collectively
- Provide support for each student in establishing working processes, strategies and clarification of intent
- Encourage class debate and philosophical discussion
- To give honest, constructive and open feedback with regard to each student's work and to be objective and fair in all critiques
- Be respectful of each student's individuality.

Expectations of You

As a student in this class you are expected to:

- Arrive promptly for each session
- Be well prepared for each class e.g. materials, working plan and strategies
- Be realistic as to your progress and expectations, especially if you have limited time outside of class to pursue your work, or have circumstances that arise beyond your control that make class attendance temporarily difficult
- To help achieve the aims of the course you will be required to do some work in your own time: e.g. gallery visits, relevant reading and keeping a visual diary
- Be open, generous and respectful in your professional dealings with fellow students.
- For the first hour of the day mobile phones switched off or on silent vibrate alert (except in emergencies)
- Your tutors will help and advise. Please be patient as you may not be the only student needing attention.

Terms, 2025 – weekly

Term 1

1. MB/ZN – Introduction. Aims, objectives and outcomes.
Expression through drawing. Tutor and student introductions.
2. MB - Another Sense
Drawing through touch – tactile experience. Investigation and translation through line, tone, form, texture, concave / convex.
3. ZN - Another Sense – Mixed Media
Developing tactile drawings through the experimental use of a range of media.
4. MB - The Figure. Drawing directly from the life model – drawings to explore line, gesture, contour, tone, form, space, movement, composition.
5. ZN - The Figure Interpretation – considering contemporary approaches to painting the figure.
Drawing / Painting. Exploring form, drama and contrast. Manipulating and distorting your image to create a more subjective and personal response.
6. MB - The Figure. Further development of painting(s), completion and final critique.
7. MB – History. An introduction to three principal developments of 20th century painting history – Cubism, Expressionism and Abstraction. Investigating the still life through drawing.
8. ZN - History Moving Forward – considering contemporary approaches to still life painting.
Developing paintings from previous week's drawings – small scale investigations into form, colour and paint application. Exploring technique and stylistic identity
9. MB/ZN – History. Continuation and complete. Open class discussion and critique.

Term 2

1. MB – Sound Works: Interpreting sound through drawing and mixed media.
2. ZN – Geometric vs Organic: Series of small drawings that consider the relationship between organic and geometric form. Initially draw from natural forms (e.g. fauna & flora) and manmade structures (e.g. buildings, vehicles etc). Building an understanding of working methodologies within practice.
Gathering of visual data.

3. MB – Geometric vs Organic: Development of previous week's drawings towards painting, mixed media and collage. Further clarifying of a working approach from first concepts and visual explorations to analysis and painting.
4. ZN – Geometric vs Organic: Continuation and complete. Class critique.
5. MB – Mondrian Puzzles: When is a Mondrian not a Mondrian? Study and reference of an artist's working methodologies and techniques. Development of an original work in the manner of an artist of your choosing. Research, discovery, resolution.
6. ZN – Mondrian Puzzles: Continuation from previous week.
7. MB – Mondrian Puzzles: Continue
8. ZN – Mondrian Puzzles: Continue and develop towards completion
9. Continue and Complete ...Critique - Student 'artist' introductions.

Term 3 & 4

During Terms 3 & 4 students are encouraged to begin to work more independently and without the teaching project structures provided in Terms 1 & 2. This is always a challenge for all students on the course, as it shifts an increasing responsibility for personal development to each individual.

This transition is essential if students are to find a singular, independent voice and to begin to understand the importance of a focused and autonomous working methodology for continual growth.

At the conclusion of Term 2 we will discuss the process in more detail and ask each student to complete a statement of intent over the holiday break, to bring to class on the first day of Term 3. Support and guidance is provided for all students in order to complete this.

Statement of Intent / Contextual Statement (Work-Plan)

Your contextual statement is a means of speculating on your practice. Like studio the writing process is a way of finding things out. A statement of intent can provide a point of departure and is a vehicle for discussion. It will help you to establish your initial objectives whilst recognising that flexibility and interpretation are both essential and inevitable if a development is to occur.

As a key purpose of your statement is to help you maintain an ongoing reflective dialogue between your practice and related ideas and issues it should be periodically reappraised and rewritten to account for changes that may have emerged within your practice. *As a guideline: your statement should be concise and between 200 - 300 words.*

Your statement of intent will help you to outline your:

- Ideas (subject, content, aims, philosophies)
- Methodology (methods, processes, physical criteria, materials and supports)

Your statement should ...

- Open up questions and relationships in your work
- Demonstrate your depth of understanding about the implications of your practice
- Focus on ways of 'reading' the work
- Avoid jargon and use words accurately (it should be easy to understand)

Your statement might ...

- Reference related art, artists, contemporary ideas
- Reference contexts in non-art fields

Your statement should not ...

- Be a literal form of explanation
- Focus only on how the work was made
- Be artificially sophisticated (find your own voice ...)

Some ideas to get you started – building a resource of information:

- Concepts / Ideas – what are you interested in? This might be as general as Colour and Structure or Landscape or as particular as how paint sits on a surface. Note anything and everything. Nothing is irrelevant. Start broad and then start to narrow down and fine tune.
- Can you clarify for yourself why you might be drawn to these things? Maybe your interest in landscape stems from how light falls within a landscape or how colour plays out in a landscape. You might come to realise what you're really interested in is colour relationships and how colours work off one another. Keep asking yourself questions as a way to drill down and particularise your ideas.
- Do your ideas provide the framework for a broader, deeper or more philosophical statement (content)?
- Does this help to define your concerns?
- Does this indicate a possible area for research?
- What readings do you think may help?
- Can you place your aims within a wider, established context e.g. which other artists' do you identify yourself with? Start looking at how these artists talk about their work.
- How do you plan to make your ideas and aims real and possible?

Remember the PIE Triangle:

- Physical – craft and technical considerations, articulation of ideas
- Intellectual – conscious thought and analysis of ideas
- Emotional – passion and primal sensory response.

Student Presentations

During the final class of each term, students are asked to present their work to the group. Beginning to speak openly about your work is a valuable tool for understanding and further clarifying your intent. This process allows you to speak about what you have learnt to date and to encourage class discussion and feedback. In turn, this will help to prepare you for the direction your work may take in the future and to clarify areas for further research. Please bring work(s) that you wish to direct your attention to.

Each critique will be no longer than 10 minutes, including tutor/group response and feedback. During the final class of each term, we will begin at 9am (as usual) and then begin the feedback critiques at 11.00am. Both tutors will be in attendance for these sessions.

Painting 2 - End of Year Exhibition *Dates as indicated in time table.*

At the conclusion of the year there will be a curated exhibition of work produced during the second half of the year. This is a celebration of course achievements and provides an invaluable experience in professional practice.

Materials List

The stores we recommend are:

- Studio Art Supplies – Crummer Road, Grey Lynn *10% discount*
- The French Art Shop – Taylors Road, Morningside *20% discount for BSA*
- Gordon Harris - Gillies Avenue, Newmarket and Symonds Street, Auckland Central.
- Takapuna Art Supplies – Helensville and online

The materials we recommend are:

- Pencils – B, 2B, 4B, 6B
- Willow Charcoal – medium
- Compressed Charcoal – medium
- Kneadable eraser (for charcoal), soft eraser (for pencils)
- Black Indian ink and a dip pen with a sketching nib (or bamboo pens)
- Paint: acrylics in a selection of colours: e.g. warm red (cadmium scarlet), warm yellow (cadmium yellow), warm blue (ultramarine), cool red (crimson), cool yellow (lemon yellow), cool blue (phthalocyanine, cobalt or cerulean), yellow ochre (oxide), raw umber, black, and white

- Appropriate painting mediums: gel, gloss or matt mediums for acrylics
Odourless turpentine, linseed oil or Liquin for oil paints
- Brushes: flat small, medium, large sizes up to 4cm wide in either hog bristle or soft synthetic filament
- Large house painting brush for priming
- Palette knife or spatula
- White water based 'Gesso' primer
- White plastic palette and / or old plates for easy mixing
- An assortment of tins or jars with lids (2 - 4)
- Bulldog clips
- Craft knife and scissors, 60cm rule, PVA glue, masking tape
- Soft (000) steel wool and grit 220 sandpaper (with a sandpaper block if you have one)
- Rags or kitchen towels for clean-up
- Old shirt or apron

At Browne School of Art we also have a selection of basic materials available for purchase: paper in A1 / A2 sheets, newsprint, cartridge, sugar grey, wet strength, bulldog clips, pencils, charcoal erasers, white chalk, black ink. *This list is a general guide only.*

Suggested Reading List

Theory and Critical Thinking

Aesthetics and Art Criticism	Bernard Hoffert: Longman 1997
Art & Fear	David Bayles & Ted Orland: Capra Press 1993
Art Since 1940: Strategies of Being	Jonathan Fineberg: Prentice Hall 1995
Art Now: 137 artists at the rise of the new millenium	Taschen 2002
Artists @ Work: New Zealand Painters and Sculptors in the Studio	Richard Woolfe & Stephen Robinson Penguin Books 2010
Conversations in Paint	Charles Dunn: Workman Publishing 1995
Concerning the Spiritual In Art	Wassily Kandinsky: Dover 1977
Chromophobia	David Batchelor: Reaktion Books 2000
Contemporary Painting in New Zealand	Michael Dunn: Craftsman House 1996
Creative Authenticity: 16 Principles to clarify and Deepen your artistic vision	Ian Roberts: Atelier Saint-Luc Press 2004
Current Contemporary Art from Australia & New Zealand	Edited by Art & Australia
Inside the Studio	Independent Curators International (ICI) 2004
Modern Art & Modernism	Harper & Row 1992
No More Second Hand Art: Awakening the Artist Within	Peter London: Shambala Publications 1998
Painting Today	Phaidon 2009
Painting Abstraction: New Elements in Abstract Painting	Bob Nickas: Phaidon Press 2009
Point and Line to Plane	Wassily Kandinsky: Dover 1979
Redeeming Art	Donald Kuspit: Allworth Press 2000

- Seven Days in the Art World
- Secret Knowledge: Rediscovering the lost techniques of The Masters
- Seen This Century:
100 Contemporary New Zealand Artists
- The Big Picture:
A History of New Zealand Art
- The Artist's Way
- The Creative Habit:
Learn and use it for Life
- The Philosophy of Modern Art
- The Natural Way to Draw
- The End of Art
- The Outliers: The Story of Success
- The View from the Studio Door
- An Anthropologist on Mars
- Talking Painting
- This is Modern Art
- Trust the Process: An Artist's Guide to Letting Go
- What is Painting?
- What Painting Is
- Visual Thinking
- Vitamin D
- Vitamin P
- Voicing Today's Visions
- Visual Theory: Painting and Interpretation
- Technical**
- The Artist's Handbook of Materials & Techniques
- The Elements of Colour
- Formulas For Painters
- General Interest**
- Artists on Art
- Art Spoke
- Bright Earth
- Conversations Before The End of Time
- Dictionary Of Art Terms
- Hall's Dictionary of Subjects and Symbols In Art
- Sarah Thornton: Granta 2008/2009
- David Hockney: Thames & Hudson 2001/2006
- Warwick Brown: Random House 2009
- Hamish Keith: Godwit by Random House 2007
- Julia Cameron: Souvenir Press 1993
- Twyla Tharp/Mark Reiter, Simon & Schuster Paperbacks
- Herbert Reid: Faber & Faber 1964
- Kimon Nicolaides: Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston 1969
- Donald Kuspit: Cambridge University Press 2004
- Malcolm Gladwell: Little Brown & Co
- Ted Orland: The Image Continuum Press 2006
- Oliver Sacks: Knopf 1995
- David Ryan: Taylor & Francis Book 2002
- Matthew Collings: Seven Dials 2000
- Shaun McNiff: Shambhala Publications 1998
- Julian Bell: Thames & Hudson 1999
- James Elkins: Routledge 1999
- Rudolf Arnheim: University of California Press 1969
- Phaidon Press Ltd 2005
- Phaidon Press Ltd 2002
- Mara Witzling: New York: Women's Press 1994
- Norman Bryson, Michael Ann Holly, Keith Moxey:
Ed. Cambridge: Polity Press 1991
- Ralph Mayer: Faber & Faber (revised)
- Johannes Itten: Van Nostrand Reinhold International 1970
- Robert Massey: Watson-Guptill 1967
- Robert Goldwater and Marco Treves:
John Murray Publishing 1976
- Robert Atkins: Abbeville press 1993
- Philip Ball: Penguin Books 2002
- Suzi Gablik: Thames & Hudson 1995
- Edward Lucie-Smith: Thames and Hudson 1984
- James Hall: John Murray publishers 1994

Nothing if Not Critical

Robert Hughes: Harvill (Harper Collins) 1987

The Journal of Eugene Delacroix

Phaidon: 1980

Women Artists (In the 20th & 21st Century)

Taschen 2005

Magazines and Periodicals

Modern Painter's, Art News (US), New Zealand Art News, Art New Zealand, Artzone – NZ Gallery Guide, The Art Newspaper (International), Art World, Artist Profile

Books by Internet

www.amazon.com

Books by mail order. Fast, efficient and often less expensive, even with freight.

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