

NGV Schools

Outer Circle: The Boyds and the Murrumbeena Artists

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Level 2



Arthur Boyd
The weathercock 1944 (detail)
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This exhibition looks at one of the most significant artistic groups in mid twentieth-century Melbourne, which gathered at the Boyd family property, *Open Country*, in Murrumbeena.

It presents the work of Australia's first studio potter, Merric Boyd and the impact of war on his family and their artistic output.

It also explores the exuberant post-war production of paintings, drawings, ceramics and sculpture by Arthur Boyd, John Perceval and others at *Open Country* and the Arthur Merric Boyd Pottery.

Student Programs

Introductory talk

Recommended for Years P–12

Designed to explore the artistic contribution of the extraordinary Boyd family, this gallery-based session will focus on the Boyds' time at *Open Country* in Murrumbeena and the artists who worked alongside them, as well as the art of wartime Melbourne and religious and social themes.

Cost \$7 (1 hour)

Prepare for VCE 2015 – A focus on practice

Recommended for VCE

Designed especially to motivate and inspire students preparing for VCE Art and Studio Arts in 2015. Students will explore the studio practice, and painting, drawing and ceramic techniques of the Boyds and their circle including John Perceval and Neil Douglas. How might the work of these artists inspire student's own folio work?

Cost \$7 (1 hour)

Australiana Summer Workshop – Studio Workshop

Recommended for Years P–12

Following a gallery-based discussion of the exhibitions *Mambo: 30 years of shelf-indulgence* and *Outer Circle*, students will experiment with colour, line and shape to create lively works of art exploring form and texture, inspired by Australian animals, plants and cultural icons.

Cost \$16 (2 hours)

Bookings and enquiries

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