

## ASPIRE Intern Blog #6

These past couple of weeks have honestly felt like peak ASPIRE season. Everywhere you turn there's another workshop, rehearsal, performance, or event happening, and somehow every single space is loud and thriving in a completely different way.

We kicked things off with Drama Fest, which was such a fun day. The workshops were incredible, and it was so cool getting to see everyone throw themselves into different styles and activities. The comedy workshop with James Chapman was definitely a highlight although, in my completely unbiased opinion, our very own Lara Crockett's design workshop was obviously the superior experience.



It was really nice watching students step out of their comfort zones throughout the day, especially in the workshops that pushed people creatively. Drama Fest always has this very chaotic but wholesome energy where everyone is just willing to give things a go, even if it feels slightly embarrassing at first. Which, let's be honest, is basically the entire drama experience.



Then came Art Fest, which was especially exciting for me because I got to work alongside my local art gallery (huge shoutout to Maitland Regional Art Gallery). This was the first year creating a dedicated space for students specifically interested in visual art, and it was honestly such a success.

There was organised creative chaos in every direction, and so many genuinely amazing artworks being created throughout the day. I also attempted to try a few activities myself, which really reminded me that artistic talent comes in many forms... and mine may not involve clay, pencil, or collage.

A massive thank you to Lara for helping create the opportunity in the first place. Watching students get excited about art and creativity in that kind of environment was really special.

At this point in the year, everything is busy, loud, slightly chaotic, and moving very quickly... but it's also really exciting seeing all the different creative spaces thriving in their own way.

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Charlotte

