

Media Release: Education



Freestyle: new Australian design for living (installation views), Object Gallery, 2006. Photos: Yee Hwan Yeoh

Object Gallery
St Margarets 417 Bourke Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010
Open Tuesday to Sunday
11am - 6pm (Closed Monday)
Tel: +61 2 9361 4511
Free admission

Cultivate8: Object's first education program

Object: Australian Centre for Craft and Design is pleased to announce its very first education program. Cultivate8 is a specially designed education program developed to encourage an appreciation of craft and design amongst Year 3-6 students from local primary schools. The program involves a visit to Object Gallery; a walking tour of Surry Hills, Redfern and Zetland design businesses and an architectural tour of St Margarets, looking at the history of the buildings, both old and new.

Within the gallery, children participate in activities that promote aesthetic awareness in relation to Object's exhibitions, including *Freestyle: new Australian design for living* and *new design 2007*. The teacher-led walking tour of local design businesses allows students and teachers to develop a greater appreciation for craft and design in the area. A series of A3 coloured education tour maps featuring Object Gallery, Crown Street, Bourke Street and Central Station, have been specially designed for this purpose.

All students and teachers participating in Cultivate8 will be invited to become Cultural Ambassadors for Object Gallery so that an ongoing relationship with the wider school community can be developed. Local schools within the City of Sydney have been invited to attend the free program in 2007, and over 100 students have been booked into the program to date.

The development and implementation of Cultivate8 is made possible through funding received from a City of Sydney Cultural Grant. Sherryl Ryan, Object's newly appointed Education Consultant, will be managing the program. She brings to the project her vast experience in innovative Gallery and Museum education.

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