

Kids Pottery 101& Creative Clay

Dear Parents & Caregivers of budding potters,

Please read *all* of the important information below and ensure your potter/s come to class with the listed materials every week.

- **Materials List**

1. A *fabric* apron or old over-sized shirt (an ‘art shirt’) to wear over regular clothes.

Kids like to dry their wet hands by shaking the water off which quickly causes a slippery floor. A fabric apron or shirt over their clothes allows them to easily and more safely dry their hands. Please note: we request a fabric apron/shirt as art smocks made of plastic-like material do not soak up water from wet hands.

(Please see note on washing below).

2. An old tea towel.

Please ensure it is a regular sized tea towel. It will need to remain a ‘pottery-only’ tea towel and should not be returned to other uses.

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3. Please also ensure kids are wear closed shoes and tie long hair up.

- **Pottery Safety**

It is important to be aware that dust created from *dry* clay contains silica particles. Silica is a fine dust that if *excessively* inhaled, can cause a lung disease called Silicosis. Silicosis is serious but preventable when strict safety measures and responsible studio practices are adhered to.

Students at Canning Arts are taught these practices and given age-appropriate information about their importance. This is to help them understand why they are asked to follow instructions so closely, and why we follow some processes that might otherwise not make sense.

After classes, your young potter/s will have clay particles on their apron/art shirt and tea towel. To prevent this from drying and creating dust at home, please either wash them straight away, or leave them submerged in a bucket of water until they can be washed ready for the next class.

This information is for your awareness as parent/caregiver and please be assured that it is not cause for concern as we follow all safety practices at Canning Arts, and it is the tutor’s role to ensure your young potter/s do so in class as well.