



ZELDA CLOETE

HEAD OF VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

Zelda Cloete joined St Alban's College as the Head of Visual Art in September 2016. After she matriculated, she completed a 4-year teaching degree, as well as Honours degrees in both Teaching and Psychology. She completed her Master's degree in Visual Art in 2020.

Zelda taught for nearly three years at Princess High School, before she worked at Sanlam for seven years, keeping herself busy with the training and development of staff. During that time, she also completed her Honours degree in Psychology and her Psychometric internship. Zelda was also involved at the Sinoville Crisis Centre as a volunteer assisting people with different needs. Zelda pursued her interest in child development through practising motor development and child kinetics for 2 years.

Zelda decided to follow her life-long dream of becoming an artist and art teacher. She enrolled at UNISA for her Visual Arts degree and while still studying, she was employed by the Department of Art History, Visual Art and Musicology. She started off assisting new students with the process of studying art through Unisa. Thereafter, she occupied the role of Postgraduate research assistant while starting on her Master's degree in Visual Art. Zelda never let go of the teacher inside her and filled in at Laerskool Lynnwood for several years. She practised as an art educator for scholars and adults from her home-based studio for 3 years.





Zelda is a practising artist and has exhibited in many recognised contemporary art exhibitions:

- 2008 Selected student exhibition – UNISA Sunnyside Campus
- 2009-2014 Pretoria Arts Association Member Exhibition
- 2009-2012 Fundraiser Exhibitions at the St Lorient Fashion and Art Gallery
- 2012 Collaboration with Mexican artist Betsabee Romero, UNISA Art Gallery
- 2012 Finalist in the Sasol New Signatures Art Competition, Pretoria Art Museum
- 2013 Selected 3rd level Visual arts and Multimedia Student Exhibition, UNISA Art Gallery
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- 2013 Ceramic works exhibited and sold at Rookls Gallery in Brooklyn
- 2014 Part of the Fibre Sculpture Group Exhibition at the International Quilt Exhibition at Emperors Palace
- 2014 Coordinator of the Snow Globe Art Project on behalf of UNISA Department of Art History, Visual Art and Musicology for 2014 Tshwane Cool Capital Biennale
- 2015 Part of the *Response* Staff Exhibition at the UNISA Art Gallery
- 2016 Part of a Group Exhibition at the Maria Doro Art Gallery
- 2017 Masters Exhibition at the UNISA Art Gallery
- 2018 Part of the National Arts Festival (Makhanda) Group Exhibition entitled 'HOME'
- 2021 Finalist in the Thami Mnyele Art Competition
Participant in the Small Exhibition at the Art Box Gallery in Monument Park

Her dream is to open up the fascinating world of Visual Art to each art student at St Alban's College. She believes that Visual Art is an integral part of every human being and is essential for learning skills needed for the future where automation will impact the workforce. Some of these skills include critical thinking, decision making, innovation, problem-solving, risk-taking and invention. She loves hiking, the outdoors,





travelling, spending time with her family, reading and visiting as many art exhibitions as she can.

