

# Art and Discovery Studio

This year the Art and Discovery Studio is morphing in new and unexpected ways to enable the program to continue during this pandemic year and transcend the constraint of physical closeness

through the imagination and art, to build community and meaningful connection with one another. (Huge thanks go to the teachers who have helped to navigate the limitations and frustrations of technology in this process).



The theme for the year is **Metamorphosis**, an extended contemplation on the process of transformation in nature and in our lives. Division 8,9 and 10 have been exploring this theme through the concept of the cocoon, a secret space of transformation where one thing changes into another.

1. What are cocoons made of?
2. What would it be like inside a cocoon?
3. What are the cocoon spaces in your world?
4. What is the colour of transformation?



Inspired by cocoons in nature, students have created their own cocoons using fibre and found materials in nature and responded through continuous line drawings, movement and painting. Art is itself a process of metamorphosis, that takes ordinary materials and transforms them into something new and extraordinary. Sometimes, spaces of isolation or



retreat from the everyday world can become spaces of hope - for something new and beautiful to emerge. While it is not possible for you to see the 'cocoon forest' display in the school, I hope that you will be able to experience our art and process through this video, which is a montage of student work set to the music of Philip Glass



(Metamorphosis 2) that has been a theme and inspiration throughout.

**PASSWORD:**

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