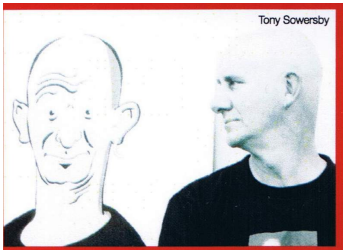


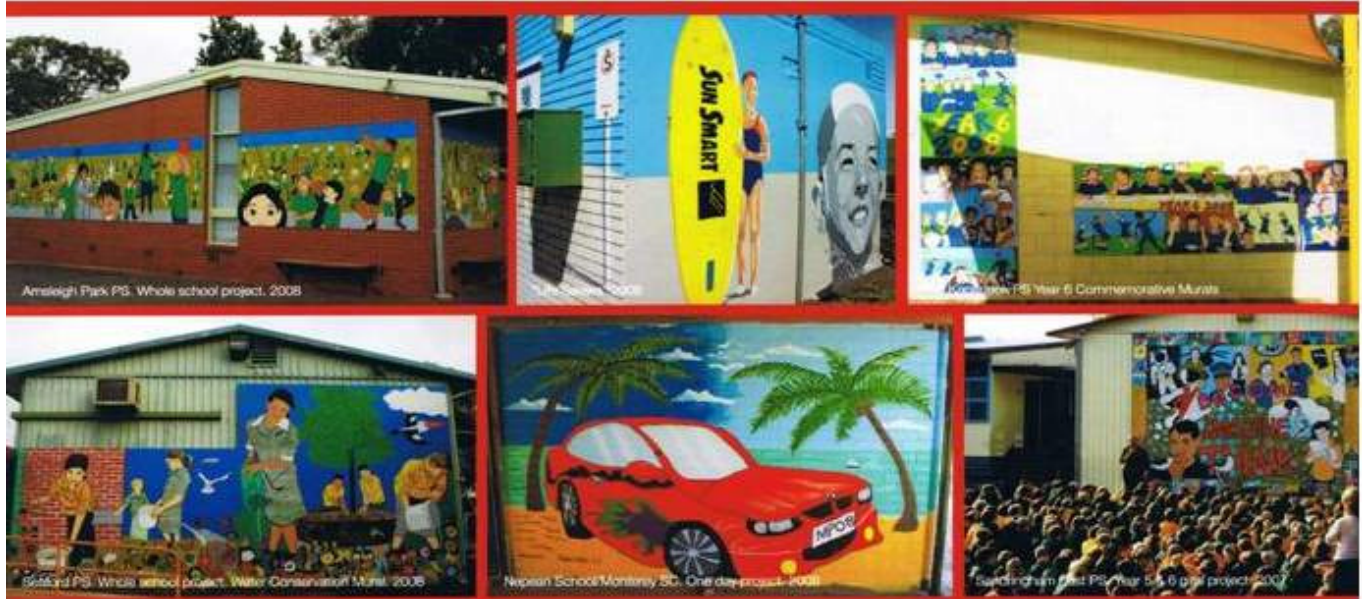
# tony SOWERSBY

Artist



**Painter, Muralist, Community Artist, Comic Book Author and Illustrator.** Tony has worked with young people of all ages on dozens of projects.

Tony offers flexibility and the ability to tailor his workshops and murals to classroom themes. His rapport with his audience, clear directions and simple techniques enable him to elicit creative responses in a short space of time giving students confidence in their own drawing abilities.



For more examples of Tony's work, see [www.tonysowersby.com](http://www.tonysowersby.com)

## CARTOONING WORKSHOP

In this workshop, students (even those who believe they have limited artistic skills) are shown how to develop characters using basic shapes and how to portray movement, emotions and funny situations.

## THE 'ANYONE CAN DRAW' WORKSHOP

By upper primary school a lot of students lose interest in drawing because they say they are 'no good at it'. This workshop takes students in a humorous and fast-paced way through some basic techniques that anyone can master and shows how to convey complex emotions and ideas through simple drawings.

## MURALS

Murals, whether permanent or temporary, provide an enriching experience for the whole school community. They give students a sense of ownership of their school, can be used as a visual representation of curriculum themes and present a positive image to the surrounding community. Successful murals need careful planning and a preliminary meeting with staff is required before the painting starts.

# NEXUS ARTS

**SUITABILITY:** PREP – YEAR 12 **DURATION:** 1 hour **SESSIONS:** 4 per day  
**REQUIREMENTS:** Students need paper and pencil, & hard surface to draw on  
**NO.S:** Approximately 30 students per workshop (or more depending on space)  
**FEES:** Please enquire (travel/accom for non-metropolitan schools)  
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# feedBACK

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“It was a great workshop and it was lots of fun! I like the different ways Tony drew himself and I like learning about cartoons.” “It was so much fun and really inspiring!! It was amazing what you could do with a few simple shapes and letters. All the activities were really fun!!! I wish we could do it again too!” - Students, St Scholastica’s College, NSW

The students were very engaged in Tony’s presentation- he was approachable and encouraging. We thought Tony was **sensational!** - Woodleigh School, VIC

“Tony helped the class with their drawing. I reckon he was fantastic.”  
- Student, Cann River P-12 College, VIC

Tony had a friendly, calm and encouraging manner. - Parndana Campus, SA

From Reception to Year 9 they were all totally engaged, loved it, laughed lots, drew lots, learnt lots, very keen and excited by the activities. Teachers had no criticism whatsoever – Tony was kind, funny, appropriate, ‘read’ the audience well, had good command and could adjust his 1-man roadshow to suit all age levels. **Totally impressed!!!**  
- Kangaroo Island Community Education (Kingscote, Penneshaw & Parndana), SA

**A fantastic workshop.** Tony created and encouraged lots of enthusiasm. Students were supported by his examples and suggestions so that **all students felt ‘safe’ to have a go** at cartooning. Students responded well to Tony’s drawings with lots of excitement and enthusiasm.  
- ACU Preservice Teacher, St Brigids PS, VIC

Students loved the presentation & really engaged with Tony. Really enjoyed Tony’s interaction with students – **great rapport** with all age & class groups. Very talented chap!  
- Admin Officer, St Brigids PS, VIC

Students **thoroughly enjoyed all aspects** of the presentation, & were excited to try new skills and techniques learnt back in the classroom. Tony spoke extremely well to the students – his presentation was **engaging & interactive** & catered for all age groups.  
- Teacher, St Brigids PS, VIC

Excited, engaged & enjoyed! As well as being good at his craft, Tony related well with the students. He was clear with his instructions and encouraging of the participants.  
- Teacher, St Brigids PS, VIC

**Total engagement** – fun for all ages and all children were thrilled to see drawings come to life. Teachers thought it was **fantastic** – stories relevant and directed at each year level. **Wonderful – minor miracle!!** - Mooroopna Park Primary School, VIC

We thought **Tony was sensational!** His warm easy-going approach and sense of humour made him accessible to students – he was approachable and encouraging, opening them up to the idea of cartooning as a form of communication. Would **certainly recommend** him.  
- Woodleigh School, VIC

Students were very positive about their involvement in the artwork. They were highly engaged and **proud of what they achieved**. Fantastic outcomes came from this three day visit. Two beautiful murals will be appreciated by all. Thank you Tony.  
- Campbell Town DHS, TAS (Artist in Residency – Mural)

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Students said **Fantastic! Loved it! Didn't think I could draw but now I can!** Tony had a really great way to hook the children into participating even if they thought they were a 'non-drawer'.  
- Devenish Primary School, VIC

All levels responded enthusiastically to Tony's presentation and style. He did a cartooning workshop teaching children the basics of cartooning and they were all able to produce cartoons. He did individual grade workshops and completed a mural in our multipurpose room.  
**Absolutely wonderful! And worth every cent and more.**  
- Yarrowonga Primary School (Artist in Residence), VIC

Students **responded enthusiastically** to the range of drawing tasks presented. The pace and variety kept their interest piqued. Tony presented an **engaging and humorous** introduction to drawing. I would **highly recommend** him. - Phoenix Park Library, Malvern East, VIC

Students were **proud of themselves** for being able to cartoon and were excited about showing them to staff. **Fantastic** sessions with students who were **fully engaged**.  
- Mount Waverley Secondary College (Junior School), VIC

The teachers who have been working with Tony have given very glowing feedback on the progress students are making. They say Tony has taught them a thing or two about cartooning as well! - Heatherhill Secondary College, VIC

**Loved it! Engaged, enjoyed, rewarding. Brilliant. Educational, enjoyable, interactive."**  
- Glamorgan Kindergarten, VIC

**Excellent rapport** with the children. - Kananook Primary School, VIC

Tony's ability to engage the children in **artistic and creative activities** is outstanding.  
- Belvedere Park Primary School, VIC

**Excellent** – the students were really enthusiastic! - Patterson River Secondary College, VIC

An outstanding art program. Tony is able to **motivate children at all levels**.  
- Frankston East Primary School, VIC