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# School art on show



WORKS of art by high school students from across Central Queensland are currently on display at Rockhampton Art Gallery as part of Queensland's secondary school art award, Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Arts.

Seventeen secondary schools entered from as far north as Mackay North State High, down south from Toolooa State High, east from Yeppoon's St Brendan's College and far out west from Longreach State

High School.

From the 46 entries received, the works of art from eight students were shortlisted for inclusion in the statewide exhibition to be held at the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) next year.

A lucky three were selected from that shortlist for the GOMA exhibition: Mirani State High School's Reid Evans for his mesmerising video Colour Blind; Jacob Davies from Pioneer State High School for Encephalogram an x-ray self portrait; and Zoe Westwood of St Patrick's College in Mackay for her evocative painting Fetish.

This exhibition has so much to offer, with students contributing works of art that bring a fresh, honest approach to some big issues: isolation, identity, sexuality, life journeys, politics, religion, and the environment.

Ideas and personal stories have been expressed through a wide variety of media like painting and printmaking, but also through installations and video.

In her painting My Side of the Story, Mikaela Lynch of Rockhampton State High School uses the technique of dripping paint as a metaphor for her own tears over a personal experience.

# BOUNCIN ...WITH BRON

## Bullies get more power on the net

A TOPIC that's been very prevalent in the media at the moment is cyber-bullying. It's such an upsetting and devastating issue within today's society that affects so many people.

I recently searched cyber-bullying. The result displayed five adolescents who had all committed suicide due to cyber-bullying!

It was so shocking to see this, and to think that these are just a few of the stories we see in the media.

Imagine how many more victims there are we don't know about.

We all have a lot of pressure on us, and if this is a cyber-bully's way of venting then they need to find another way that doesn't mentally abuse others.

There have always been bullies. You can find them in the playground or in the workplace but now they're hiding behind screens.

The scary issue today is that there are more adults doing the bullying and these people have children. What lessons are they teaching their children?

During the Olympics there were so many negative comments directed to individual Olympians, which is a form of cyber-bullying. Look at Charlotte Dawson's situation, a small comment led to a mass of derogatory and destructive comments personally attacking her.

So how do we try and combat social media bullying?

If you are a victim, block them, de-friend them or go offline. They are not worth losing any sleep over.

It all comes down to what our parents taught us: Treat people how you would like to be treated.



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