TOP STUDENTS SELECTED FOR HSC EXHIBITIONS

The Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth has announced more than 500 HSC students have been chosen for this year’s annual HSC exhibitions.

The annual HSC showcase events – ARTEXPRESS, Callback, DesignTECH, ENCORE, OnSTAGE, and Texstyle – feature outstanding performances and projects by HSC dance, drama, music, visual arts, design and technology and textile and design students.

Ms Firth said the selected students deserved congratulations and encouraged schools and the general public to attend the exhibitions in the new year.

"The HSC is not only a time to recognise the academic achievements of our Year 12 students, but also a celebration of our future artists, performers and designers," Ms Firth said.

"While ARTEXPRESS has already cemented itself as an annual must see event for art-goers and enthusiasts, I encourage the public to have a look at the other shows on offer.

"Some of these students may one day follow in the footsteps of our best-known talent like Cate Blanchett, choreographer Graeme Murphy, fashion designer Akira Isogawa or be responsible for designing iconic pieces like Marc Newson."

The HSC showcase events will be held in central Sydney venues including the Sydney Opera House, the Seymour Centre, the Powerhouse Museum and the Art Gallery of NSW from February 2011.

The exhibitions ARTEXPRESS, DesignTECH and Textstyle will also be available to people outside metropolitan areas as part of a regional tour across NSW.

The selected students’ names and schools can be found at: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/exhibitions/nomination-lists-2010.html

For details including how to purchase tickets for the HSC showcases and exhibitions go to: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/exhibitions

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