

# Media Release

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## **ARTEXPRESS – 32 YEARS OLD, 8 GALLERIES, 219 STUDENTS**

Mr Tom Alegounarias, President of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) today officially opened ARTEXPRESS 2015 at the Art Gallery of NSW (AGNSW).

This year 219 exemplary 2014 Higher School Certificate (HSC) Visual Arts bodies of work will be displayed at 8 galleries around the state during 2015, including AGNSW.

Mr Tom Alegounarias, President of BOSTES said ARTEXPRESS, now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, has become a permanent and significant event in the state's cultural calendar.

"From over 9,900 HSC Visual Arts students, 219 students had their bodies of work judged exemplary by our markers and selected for exhibition by the galleries' curators, with 37 displayed at Art Gallery of NSW, the principal venue for ARTEXPRESS.

"These talented artists, and their schools and teachers, are to be congratulated on their achievements and for being part of this prestigious event. I wish the students the best of luck for their future studies and careers. If art forms part of that, either professionally or by way of personal interest, I look forward to hearing of and seeing your next contributions to the state's culture.

"In addition to ARTEXPRESS for Visual Arts students, every year BOSTES celebrates excellence across a range of subjects with our annual showcases – from OnStage for Drama students, CALLBACK for Dance students, Encore for Music students, and DesignTECH for Design and Technology students. There is also the Textstyle showcase for Textiles and Design students and InTECH for Industrial Arts students," Mr Alegounarias said.

ARTEXPRESS 2015 will appear at:

Metropolitan exhibitions:

- Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Gympie  
7 February – 22 March 2015
- Art Gallery of NSW  
12 February – 19 April 2015
- The Armory, Sydney Olympic Park  
3 March – 26 April 2015
- Margaret Whitlam Galleries, University of Western Sydney  
8 August – 27 September 2015
- McGlade Art Gallery, Australian Catholic University  
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Regional exhibitions:

- Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo  
19 September – 22 November 2015
- Maitland Regional Art Gallery  
12 September – 1 November 2015
- Bega Valley Regional Art Gallery  
20 November – 12 December 2015

ARTEXPRESS is a joint venture of BOSTES and the NSW Department of Education and Communities, and is managed by the Department's Arts Unit. ARTEXPRESS enjoys the support of a number of sponsors. Major Sponsor: The Academy at the University of Western Sydney. Associate Sponsor: S&S Wholesale. Official ARTEXPRESS Carrier: Grace Fine Art. Patron: The Sir William Dobell Art Foundation.

For more information – <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/visual-arts/artexpress/artexpress-0>

Note: ARTEXPRESS is a brand and is therefore to be written only as one word, all capital letters, ie ARTEXPRESS.

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