

Media Release

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HSC SHOWCASE SEASON LAUNCH - EXEMPLARY STUDENTS FROM THE 2015 HSC

The 2016 Showcase Season celebrating excellence across the Creative Arts and Technology subjects in the HSC was launched by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards at the Art Gallery of NSW on Wednesday 3 February.

2016 is the first time the annual showcases have been launched as a single event. The launch marks the start of the annual season of HSC student showcases, featuring eight concerts and exhibitions featuring exemplary performances and works from 2015 HSC students.

The Showcases are an important and ongoing feature of Sydney's cultural calendar, with many students featured going on to successful careers in their chosen art form.

This year, 486 students from the 2015 HSC have been selected for the BOSTES HSC Showcases.

The eight showcases are:

ARTEXPRESS	241 Visual Arts bodies of work appearing in 10 galleries across the state over the year
Shape 2015	25 major projects by Design and Technology, Textiles and Design and Industrial Technology students on display at the Powerhouse Museum from 26 February to 8 May Shape 2015 is a new showcase, bringing together for the first time Design and Technology, Textiles and Design and Industrial Technology projects in a combined exhibition In addition to Shape, the Sydney Timber and Working with Wood Show features InTech for additional Industrial Technology major works, and the Stitches and Craft Show features Textstyle for additional Textiles and Design major works.
OnStage	12 Drama performances and an exhibition of Individual projects held at the Seymour Centre from 6 to 12 February including 3 performances of Writers OnSTAGE OnSCREEN from 10 – 12 February
Callback	Four Dance performances held at the Seymour Centre on 11 and 12 February
Encore	Two Music performances held at the Opera House on 22 February
WordeXpress	Young Writers Showcase 2015, an anthology of major works by English Extension 2 students to be published and launch in August

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Tom Alegounarias, President of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards said “To be selected for a BOSTES Showcase comes with considerable prestige and honour.

“I congratulate all students who have been selected.

“The major projects and performances need to score the highest marks in the HSC exam, following that the Showcase curators make their selection that best demonstrate the diversity and talent of the state’s HSC students.

“In addition to the performances and exhibitions, BOSTES organises information sessions for future HSC students and marking sessions for teachers.

Background information – number of HSC students in each Showcase course

Total number of HSC students	77,433
English Extension 2	1645
Design and Technology	3194
Industrial Technology	5586
Textiles and Design	1653
Visual Arts	9082
Dance	906
Drama	4614
Music	5481