

# Media Release

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## WORDEXPRESS – PUBLISHED WORKS OF HSC ENGLISH STUDENTS

Mr Tom Alegounarias, President of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) today launched WordeXpress – the annual BOSTES showcase of exemplary HSC English Extension 2 major works.

From nearly 1800 students who studied English Extension 2 in the 2014 HSC, 16 have their works published in the WordeXpress' *Young Writers Showcase* anthology.

Mr Alegounarias said "The Young Writers Showcase celebrates the creative talent of our HSC students, and the 16 students who have works selected for publication have achieved at the highest level.

"One featured author came First in Course in five HSC courses, including English Extension 2, another came First in Course in Legal Studies, and a third came First in Course in Mathematics Extension 2.

"The featured authors, and their schools and teachers, are to be congratulated. I wish the students the best of luck for their future studies and careers, and if creative writing forms part of that, either professionally or by way of personal interest, I look forward to reading their next contributions to our national culture.

"In addition to WordeXpress, a partnership between BOSTES and the State Library of NSW, for English Extension 2, BOSTES celebrates excellence across a range of subjects with our annual showcases.

"These include ARTEXPRESS for Visual Arts students, 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.

The featured authors in *Young Writers Showcase 14* are:

**Samuel Bennett-Lowe** - Gosford High School  
*Science in a smoke filled room* (Critical response)

**Charlotte Cachia-Woodland** - Pymble Ladies' College  
*Singularity* (Short story)

**Azrael Cosgrove** - All Saints College, St Mary's Campus  
*Lungs* (Short story)

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**Sophie Rose Haney Davis** - Merewether High School

*The road to Molong* (Poem)

**Alaina Dean** - James Sheahan Catholic High School

*Dust ache* (Short story)

**Janek Drevikovsky** - Fort Street High School

*Translator, traitor* (Short story)

**Bolwen Fu** - Fort Street High School

*Pulped Fiction* (Script)

**Ruby Hillsmith** - Fort Street High School

*Commentary on a nymphette* (Poem)

**Hannah Howard** - Trinity Catholic College Lismore

*Prufrock café* (Short story)

**Spiro Kalavritinos** - Georges River College, Oatley Senior Campus

*A multitude of methods to evade the truth* (Short story)

**Barton Shteinman** - Emmanuel School

*Pamphlets and purple passages* (Critical response)

**Samuel Siskovic** - St Paul's Catholic College

*The hanged man* (Script)

**Michael Sun** - James Ruse Agricultural High School

*Just what is it that makes today's artworks so different, so appealing?*  
(Short story)

**Sophie Walter** - Masada College

*Invaluable testament to trauma or puerile dross?* (Critical response)

**Joshua Wooller** - The Scots College

*In Russia, you must not wake anybody* (Script)

**Amanda Yau** - Hornsby Girls High School

*Addiction-ary* (Short story)

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