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Family 'tree change' inspiration for Scots All Saints Visual Arts HSC student – artworks selected for prestigious 2021 ARTEXPRESS Exhibition

Scots All Saints College, Bathurst is delighted announce today Year 12 Visual Arts student, Stella Gavey has had her HSC Textile and Fibre Body of Work, "Tree Change" & "Tree Huggers" selected to feature in the 2021 ARTEXPRESS Exhibition.

ARTEXPRESS is an annual series of exhibitions of exemplary artworks created by NSW Visual Arts students for the Higher School Certificate. 8616 students submitted Bodies of Work for the 2020 Visual Arts HSC Examination and 575 were nominated for ARTEXPRESS.

Three students from Scots All Saints College, Bathurst were nominated for consideration for the 2021 ARTEXPRESS exhibition. Congratulations to Genevieve King (Collection of Works), Portia Killiby (Textile and Fibre) and Stella Gavey (Textiles and Fibre). Stella's Textile and Fibre Body of Work, "Tree Change" & "Tree Huggers" has been selected for inclusion in the 2021 ARTEXPRESS exhibition at The Armory, Sydney Olympic Park in 2021.

Head of College, Mr John Weeks congratulated the students for their dedication and commitment to their artworks and studies in a challenging year.

"This is an outstanding achievement and we are very proud of the efforts from these very deserving students who have been recognised this way. I have been very impressed with the passion and pride that is evidenced through the magnificent works of art on display by our students," Mr Weeks said.

Stella Gavey's Body of Work illustrated the tree change taken by her family. Aspects of the built and natural world symbolise the cathartic personal change induced by her new environment. The tactile nature of fabric and embroidery partnered with bright colours represents the joy and comfort found by immersing ourselves in the natural world.

Mr Weeks said: "Many Scots All Saints College families have relocated from Sydney and other regional areas to Bathurst to take advantage the picturesque, country life and also the educational opportunities presented here at the College. It is wonderful to see the personal experiences of Stella's journey so beautifully reflected in her artworks. Our students truly appreciate the natural landscape and space we are so fortunate to have here at the College and in the Central West especially during the coronavirus pandemic. This is something we are very grateful for and it's wonderful for this to be celebrated through ARTEXPRESS."

"Congratulations to Stella for her selection in ARTEXPRESS and to Genevieve and Portia for their nominations in such a competitive field of best practice artworks. Also, thank you to our teachers for their support in 2020."

The exhibition comprises of artworks produced by Higher School Certificate students from Government and Non-Government schools, metropolitan and regional centres. Education officers and art gallery curators, in association with the ARTEXPRESS Officer, select the artworks to be included in the exhibitions. A range of expressive forms described in the Visual Arts syllabus are represented in the exhibitions.

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