

Introspection and the Mona Lisa inspire Sanjita

BY GERALDINE ALPHONSE

The annual Creative Arts Exhibition is all about a love of art.

It started more than 20 years ago as a compulsory part of the Visual Arts course and now it's an annual event that recognises passionate and talented young artists from St Norbert College.

Head of Technologies Samantha Mark said the Art's teacher at the time transformed the classroom to try and create a gallery vibe that is now a reality at the new Performing Arts foyer.

Hundreds of works are being completed and will be unveiled at the opening night of the Creative Arts Exhibition from September 17-20.

Year 12 student Sanjita Ghimire's passion for the arts is stronger than ever and she is currently working on her self-portrait as part of her ATAR studies and the exhibition this month.

"The Creative Arts Exhibition has never disappointed," she said.

The 17-year-old student was inspired by this semester's theme of perspectives. "I chose to create a per-

sonal work which reflects the idea of temporary vulnerability, more specifically the brief moments I allow myself to be open with my family, friends and myself," she said.

"My painting depicts a figure looking at the audience with an expression of sadness but also strength."

For Mona Lisa fans out there, Sanjita uses a similar effect in her portrait by giving her figure a direct gaze that is complex yet electrifying for the person looking at the painting. Sanjita's self-portrait is only one of the many more exciting art works that will be presented at the school.



Year 12 St Norbert College student Sanjita Ghimire. Photograph — Richard Polden.

Elderly family endures terrifying home invasion

Cannington Detectives have charged Jason Michael Hodder following a series of incidents in the early hours of Sunday morning in East Victoria Park and St James.

Hodder began allegedly stealing items when the occupants of the home disturbed him.

Seventy-year-old Edith was cooking dinner at home along with her 91-year old mother Bronia and went for a cigarette just after 6:30pm.

After hearing a huge crash, she went to investigate with her brother Frank and found that the kitchen window was smashed.

Suddenly a scream from Bronia alerted them and they came across the man who was going through their belongings.

An altercation ensued between 72-year-old Frank and Jason Michael Hodder. Frank's sister Edith grabbed an old police baton and said her only thought was protecting her family. After the altercation the man left, dropping the items and the

family were all injured during the alleged burglary.

They were all taken to Royal Perth Hospital, where Bronia remains in hospital to undergo scans for a head injury and possible spinal injuries.

The 46-year old from Geraldton has been charged with four counts of aggravated home burglary and commit, two counts of aggravated robbery, two counts of aggravated common assault, aggravated assault occasioning bodily harm, two counts of stealing, and stealing a motor vehicle. It is further alleged that Hodder then entered a property on Hill View Terrace, East Victoria Park and stole two handbags.

He then entered another property on the street where a 48-year-old man was assaulted.

Hodder appeared in Perth Magistrates Court last Monday.

Police are urging anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or make a report online.



Zac Coleman proudly holds his Duke of Edinburgh award. Photograph — Aaron Van Rongen.

Rossmoyne students leading from the front

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With not just one but three achievements, Rossmoyne Senior High School is celebrating with their Year 12 students about their participation at the International Duke of Edinburgh awards this year.

After 60 years the Duke of Edinburgh awards continue to recognise the skills, health, community service and sense of adventure of youth from 14-24 years old.

This year Rossmoyne has three Year 12 students who achieved their gold award, Zac Coleman, Archie Atkinson and Er-Tian Sim.

Duke of Edinburgh award leader and Rossmoyne Senior High School teacher Dane Williams said the awards acknowledged the student's hidden talents. "It's been fantastic to see so many students aspiring to push themselves further in doing so many find hidden

passions and motivations," he said.

Part of the Rossmoyne Student Council and award leader, Mr Dane Williams spoke to the students about becoming involved in the Duke of Edinburgh program as a way of developing leadership skills.

The award is comprised of three levels each progressively more challenging and participants need to go through.

Zac Coleman completed his silver award before aiming to achieve the gold award.

Participants are also required to complete four sections at each level, including voluntary service, physical recreation, skills and adventurous journey.

"The physical and service skills were not difficult to complete as I am actively involved in surf lifesaving at both a competitive level and by volunteering as a member of a beach patrol and also as

a sports official," he said. "It was especially gratifying as the final component I completed was my adventurous journey, trekking the Kokoda Trail.

"It was a sense of accomplishment as it is a full year's commitment. "Walking into the early morning mist of Kokoda village after 10 grueling days on the trail, it was doubly satisfying knowing that I had not only experienced an important part of our military history but had also completed my gold Duke of Edinburgh award."

Although Zac's journey doesn't end here as he has already accepted an offer from The Australian National University to study international relations and political science next year.

His aim for the future is to work in foreign affairs as a diplomat for Australia.



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