



Unique talent: Miranda Fox's *Burqie™* is an art piece that responds to materialism and consumerism



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'Artrageous' Success

Two Perth College graduates have been judged among the state's best young artists, with artwork by Melissa Clements and Miranda Fox featuring in the Year 12 Perspectives exhibition at the Art Gallery of WA.

The event showcases a range of subject matter and media, including paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography and textiles, by 57 Visual Arts students from across Western Australia who recently completed their secondary schooling.

Two of Melissa's oil and charcoal on canvas self-portraits are on show – *Study after Caravaggio's St Jerome: Part 1 and 2*. They celebrate western culture with a nod to the Renaissance artist, Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, whose techniques were formative in Baroque painting.

Melissa's selection to exhibit at the Art Gallery follows her recognition by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority for her final exam results; she received a Subject Exhibition as the state's top Visual Arts student and a General Exhibition for outstanding results across all of her subjects.

Miranda's submission, *Burqie™*, was unique, re-inventing dolls with burqas as a commentary on consumer culture and multiculturalism in Australia.

Head of Visual Art and Design, Tennille Baker, said 22 students were enrolled in the Year 12 Visual Arts ATAR and General class at Perth College in 2016 and the School could only submit five works for consideration in the prestigious exhibition.

"Miranda's and Melissa's success reflects the creativity and high standard of work of our Year 12 Visual Arts students," she said.

Year 12 Perspectives is open until Sunday 2 April. Visitors to the Art Gallery can vote for their favourite work in the People's Choice Award until Sunday 19 March.

Melissa will talk about her artwork during a free event at the Art Gallery from 2.00 pm on Saturday 25 March.

Artworks by three students – Caitlin Crook, Miranda Fox and Lucy Strapp – will also feature in the Northern Perspectives exhibition at the Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre from Friday 24 February to Saturday 8 April.



Excellent exhibits: Two self-portraits by Melissa Clements are on display at the Art Gallery of WA



A Note from the Principal

Dear friends,

The high spirits in which we finished last year, after the Mount Lawley Christmas Festival, have continued at Perth College in 2017. Our production of *Legally Blonde: the Musical* performed to full houses earlier this month, after the cast and crew dedicated much of the summer break to rehearsals. Thank you to the local residents who came along to show their support. Our Performing Arts department is planning several shows and concerts this year, and you are very welcome to attend; please keep an eye on the What's On section of our website for information.

Preparations are also underway for our annual Community Open Day on the Labour Day long weekend as well as our 32nd Community Art Exhibition, through which we continue to showcase the work of emerging and established West Australian artists.

There are more details within this edition of *Community Link*; I hope you enjoy reading what our students are doing and look forward to seeing you at our events.

Warm regards,
Jenny Ethell

Our Evolving Campus



Judith Cottier Theatre: A great asset for our school community

One of the largest structures built on the campus since its inception in 1916, the Judith Cottier Theatre, is now celebrating its twentieth year.

The Theatre opened in 1997 and has transformed the performing arts at Perth College and been a hub for school and community activities.

Mrs Cottier was Principal from 1987 to 2002 and her vision was to 'build for posterity' by providing students with the best academic, cultural, pastoral and physical environment to reach their potential.

The site was formerly home to tennis courts, a Kindergarten and the Junior School. It now houses the 650-seat theatre, music tuition rooms, dance and music studios, and the Senior School library.

Its balcony hosts a time-lapse camera that overlooks Lawley Crescent and records construction of the Senior Learning and Leadership Centre. Development of this new facility is progressing well, with infrastructure and service works nearly complete and the basement floor and supporting columns now under construction.

"We thank our neighbours for their patience throughout this process," Principal, Jenny Ethell, said.

A Great Start to Learning



Great beginnings: Kindergarten girls learn by experiencing and exploring

Girls become independent from a young age at Perth College.

Kindergarten students are engaged in a contemporary early childhood programme in which learning extends beyond their immediate classroom – a heritage-listed house fronting Queens Crescent. The girls have specialist teachers in Music, Physical Education, Art, Languages and Library, moving across the campus for these lessons and regular Chapel sessions. They also visit the

Inglewood Triangle to learn about science, conservation and sustainability.

Claire Salmon – whose two daughters began their education in the Perth College Kindergarten – said her children thrived and learned by experiencing, exploring, interacting and problem-solving.

For more information about Kindergarten places, please contact Enrolments Director, Judy Parker, on 9471 2104.

Amazing Achievements

Perth College's 2016 Leavers have a wide range of options this year after earning strong results in their final exams.

Of the 127 girls eligible for an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), 56 per cent achieved a score of 90 or above, while 78 per cent received an ATAR that would gain them entry into all five of the state's universities. The School's median ATAR was 90.55, placing Perth College seventh in the state and among the highest performing schools in 16 out of 23 subjects.

"The girls have been rewarded for their determination, perseverance, commitment and work ethic," Principal, Jenny Ethell, said.

Four students achieved Subject Certificates of Excellence, while 26 earned Certificates of Distinction and 33 received a Certificate of Merit.

Melissa Clements achieved a General Exhibition, a Subject Exhibition as the state's top student in Visual Arts, and Certificates of Distinction and Excellence.

These high achievers were invited back to the School for a special assembly in February to recognise their efforts.

Mrs Ethell said many of the girls had received early university offers and scholarships. Thirteen students earned VET (vocational and educational training) qualifications, boarder Teleiah Ogilvie was accepted into the WA Police Service and Music Captain Emily Gelineau received a full scholarship to Berklee College in the US. Others have already departed for exchange or gap programmes.



Berklee-bound: Emily Gelineau will study violin and focus on film scoring when she heads to Berklee College of Music in Boston this year



Pantomime: Perth College girls performed at St Patrick's Church



Festival: Hannah Hughes' amazing cake



Christmas parcels: Anna Hutson, Kiara La Rocca and Sam Hackman helped Parkerville Children and Youth Care

Community Collaborations

Perth College partnered with St Patrick's Anglican Church and local businesses for the first time to run the 2016 Mount Lawley Christmas Festival.

On Sunday 27 November, the netball courts, pavilion and Beaufort Street were bustling with visitors enticed by cupcakes, cookies and sweets, activities such as duck fishing and apple bobbing, handmade crafts and gifts, jewellery, beauty treatments and secondhand books. Thousands of people completed their Christmas shopping and enjoyed entertainment by the School's choirs and bands before an evening of carols on the church lawn.

Continuing the Christmas spirit, our Year 10s collected donations from the School community and compiled gift hampers during the last week of term for Parkerville Children and Youth Care, an organisation that provides short to medium term accommodation and outreach activities for vulnerable children and their families. Perth College's association with Parkerville stems back to its inception in 1902 and students supported this outstanding charity by assembling 13 hampers containing Christmas food as well as some pantry-fillers.

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Perth College campus

Monday 6 March,
9.00 am to 1.30 pm

The School opens its doors to the community on the Labour Day public holiday. Students in Years 6 and 10 provide guided tours of the campus and artistic performances are scheduled throughout the day. Everyone is welcome to share a day in the life of a Perth College student.

HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER

The Rise, Eighth Avenue, Maylands

Wednesday 15 March,
12.00 pm to 2.45 pm

Support the School's two social justice programmes in Cambodia and the Solomon Islands at this annual event, with auctions, raffles and prizes. Bookings are essential via www.trybooking.com/OKJE.

DANCE SHOWCASE

Judith Cottier Theatre, Perth College

Tuesday 14 March, 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

In this free event, Specialist Dance students from Years 9 to 12 perform routines choreographed by themselves as well as their teachers.

SENIOR MUSIC NIGHT

Judith Cottier Theatre, Perth College

Friday 24 March, 7.30 pm

Our Music students from Years 7 to 12 showcase their talents across a range of instruments.

CHAMBER IN THE CHAPEL

Perth College Chapel

Thursday 15 June, 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Students who practice weekly in small chamber groups perform in an intimate setting.

Upcoming Events

We invite our local community to get involved

For enquiries or more details about these events, please email development@pc.wa.edu.au or contact the Perth College Development Office on 9471 2122.

MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON

Mount Lawley Golf Club

Friday 12 May,
12.30 pm

Celebrate the roles our mums play in families and across the community.

CONCERTO NIGHT

Judith Cottier Theatre, Perth College

Tuesday 20 June, 7.00 pm

This evening is dedicated to performances by Year 12 Music students from Perth College and Aquinas College as they prepare for their final exams.



Artist-in-residence: Mark Tweedie will spend two weeks at Perth College from 27 February and will feature in the upcoming art exhibition

Community Art Exhibition

For three decades, Perth College has showcased the work of emerging and established WA artists.

Our annual exhibition features painting, sculpture, glass, textiles and jewellery. Proceeds fund an artist-in-residence programme for Kindergarten to Year 12

students (Mark Tweedie is the 2017 featured artist) and will also enhance the School's art collection.

The 32nd Annual Art Exhibition opens at **6.00 pm on Friday 31 March**, and continues on **Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 April from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm in the Lawley Crescent Pavilion**. Entry is via a gold coin donation.

Community Link

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