TOPshots! 2016–17

4 March - 13 April 2017

Large Print

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Over the past nine years MGA has celebrated the work of emerging photomedia artists with the annual TOPshots award and exhibition. TOPshots showcases artwork produced by students studying the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) subjects of Art, Media and Studio Arts. Each of these subjects has a different focus within the broader course of arts education offered to Victorian secondary school students, making the TOPshots exhibition an exciting overview of different creative trajectories.

The artworks displayed in this exhibition offer little more than a glimpse of the year-long course of study each of these young artists has undertaken. It would be remiss not to mention the labourious nature of each of these subjects and the hours spent testing, refining and creating final folio pieces and documenting creative porcesses in visual diaries.

MGA is proud to have the opportunity to acknowledge the excellence of young photomedia artists in our community, and welcome our visitors to take inspiration from the creative potential that TOPshots 2017 represents.

People's choice award

Please cast your vote in the ballot box provided and have your say!

Award announcement

Winners of the TOPshot award and Honourable Mentions will be presented at the award announcement event: 2pm Saturday 25 March 2017.

Beau CRUZ

Caulfield Grammar School, Caulfield Campus VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Life in Bali 2016

chromogenic print on polyester, lightbox

Lexie McLEOD

Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School VCE Studio Arts Unit 1 & 2

Untitled... 2016

ink-jet print

Gabriel MENZIES

Vermont Secondary College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Birth of Eros 2016

from the series A new renaissance

ink-jet print

Ruby RYAN

Methodist Ladies' College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Coastal dwelling 2016

ink-jet prints

Talia CRISANTE

Loreto Mandeville Hall Toorak VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

The Doll Project 2016 from the series *The Doll Project*

inkjet print

Lacey GILBERT

Luther College VCE Studio Arts Unit 1 & 2

Internal hope 2016

ink-jet print

Alessi D'ANDREA

Melbourne Girls Grammar School VCE Studio Arts Unit 1 & 2

Our bodies 2016

from the series Our bodies

ink-jet prints

Audrey MICHAEL

Mentone Girls' Grammar School VCE Studio Arts Unit 1 & 2

Untitled 2016

from the series Immersion

ink-jet prints

Klari AGAR

Swinburne Senior Secondary College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

WAX 2016

from the series Colour pop

ink-jet print

Jessica PHILLIPS

Kingswood College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Drips 2016 from the series *Perception*

gelatin silver prints

Anneliese RAFTIS

Sacré Cœur VCE Media Unit 3 & 4

Jermaine 2016 from the series *The unseen*

ink-jet print, acetate

Isabella MURRAY-GOOLD

St Paul's Anglican Grammar School VCE Studio Arts Unit 1 & 2

Untitled #3 2016

from the series Overcoming adversity

ink-jet print

Joshua STARICK

Monbulk College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Untitled 2016

from the series *Elementary*

gelatin silver prints, acrylic paint

Ain RAADIK

Luther College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Alpine days 2016 Deep in the Otways 2016

ink-jet prints

Emily RODEN

Wheelers Hill Secondary College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

6:03 am 2016

3:03 pm 2016

6:03 pm 2016

from the series Narcissus: selfie king

ink-jet prints, acrylic, ink

Renee RIOTTO

Mater Christi College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Perplex detail 2016

ink-jet print

Sophie PEASLEY

Toorak College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Into the unknown 1 2016

from the series Into the unknown

ink-jet print

Maria NGUYEN

Our Lady of Mercy College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Plight 2016

ink-jet print

Rhiannon GAMBLE

Norwood Secondary College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Pixel shift 2016

ink-jet prints, wood, glass, glue

Amy LALANNE

Monbulk College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Divine 2016

gelatin silver prints

Emily JOYCE

Methodist Ladies College VCE Studio Arts Unit 3 & 4

Fleeting moments 2016

ink-jet prints, photogravures