



SUNSHINE COAST
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 12 Visual Art Farewell Exhibition

On Wednesday, 20 August 2025, we opened our 2025 Year 12 Farewell Visual Art Exhibition. This year's exhibition celebrates not only the artistic achievements of our Year 12 students but also the essential role that Visual Art plays in shaping society. In a world increasingly shaped by rapid change, uncertainty, and complex global challenges, the ability to think critically and creatively has never been more important. These artworks highlight how art education cultivates the skills, perspectives, and empathy needed for a thoughtful and innovative future.

Throughout the year, students have engaged with ideas that extend far beyond the classroom. Their work speaks to the role of artists as cultural observers, truth-tellers, and change-makers. Across the exhibition, three key themes reflect the social importance of visual art today:

The Power of Art to Reflect and Reconnect

Students use art to process experience, explore relationships, and foster a deeper understanding of self and others. Art becomes a means of bridging divides and restoring connection in a fragmented world.

Navigating Identity in a Noisy World

By questioning norms and expressing individual and collective identity, these young artists build resilience and self-awareness—skills that are vital for navigating the modern world with confidence and integrity.

A Generation Thinking Differently

The works on display tonight are rich with commentary on environmental, social, and psychological concerns. They reveal a generation who are not only tuned in but is ready to challenge the status quo and propose new ways forward.

Visual Art is more than a subject. It is a space for inquiry, a tool for reflection, and a platform for vision. These students are tomorrow's creative leaders—imaginative, informed, and ready to shape the world.

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Prize Winners

Principals Choice Award

Lizzie O – Doppelgänger (mirror artwork)

Highly commended Awards

- Maddie S – Stitched into being
- India C – What it means to be one if we are many
- Amelia B – The real taste of the future and O2 out of service
- Jemima H – Ever Change
- Sofia C – Centuries of Censorship
- Lizzie O – Family Portraits

People's Choice Awards

1. First – Chloe Leighton: Becoming, Despite
2. Second – Lizzie Orford – Doppelgänger
3. Third – Ben Elkington – Mother Nature

Thank you to all who attended the evening.

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