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Connections with Nature – Murina Aboriginal student art exhibition

The latest exhibition at the UTAS Cradle Coast Campus Atrium Gallery, Connections with Nature, weaves the personal insights of a group of Aboriginal students from the Riawunna Centre in Launceston into an eclectic body of 22 contemporary artworks.

UTAS Cradle Coast Campus Exhibitions Coordinator, Joanna Gair, said the exhibition demonstrates the cultural linkages between the artists whilst highlighting their personal interpretations of nature.

“The exhibition is much more than a group of students celebrating their creative endeavours; it is a magnificent display of how a group of culturally-linked students can produce a cohesive body of work which effectively reflects both personal and collective connections,” Ms Gair explained.

“In this instance the common thread is a connection with the natural environment.

Riawunna Centre Art Tutor, Brigitte Wolfe, said the Connections with Nature exhibition reflects the students’ intrinsic links with the natural environment.

“Unique interpretations of the relationships with nature are depicted through a myriad of mediums and styles. This diversity is determined by the students’ objective and subjective perspectives, life stories and experiences,” Wolf said.

The students featured in this exhibition are part of the Murina Art Program, Centre for Pathways and Partnerships, Riawunna Centre, UTAS, Launceston.

The Murina Art Program offers students the opportunity to learn skills for making and presenting artworks. Most of the students enrolled go on to further education, whilst others utilise the knowledge they gain to enhance their art practice within their broader communities.

Event details

Artist: Murina student’s exhibition – Class of 2013

Exhibition Title: Connections with Nature

Where: Atrium Gallery – UTAS, Cradle Coast campus 16-20 Mooreville Rd, Burnie

Who: Students, staff and broader community very welcome

When: 5pm Thursday March 20th – April 24th

Opening address: By Jacinta Vanderfeen, Aboriginal Education Officer, Riawunna, Cradle Coast Campus.

For more information about this exhibition – or to enquire about exhibiting your work at the Atrium Gallery please contact: UTAS Exhibitions Coordinator, Joanna Gair: Joanna.Gair@utas.edu.au

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