

Media Release

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Education, mutation and an exhibition

“Mutation” is the design brief that year 11 and 12 Design and Production students were asked to explore as part of their University of Tasmania College Program unit Object Design - and the extraordinary results will be available for the general public to absorb at two exhibitions in the north and the south of the State this week.

The first exhibition of their assessment pieces will be at Don College, Devonport, on Thursday, October 23 and the second at Plimsoll Gallery, Hobart, on Friday, October 24.

Almost 100 students attended a one-day symposium comprising designing talks, technical demonstrations and an introduction to a design brief, and they have had to use that newfound knowledge to produce a major design piece for assessment, backed up by a project journal and drawing, model or project plans.

Tasmanian College of the Arts (TCotA) acting deputy head and art program director John Vella said that Object Design not only gives the college students a chance to exhibit their completed works in a professional gallery setting, but it will boost their future college projects and give them credit towards a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor Fine Arts degree at the University of Tasmania.

“Object Design has activated tertiary pathways, enriched college/university relations and inspired students' creative intelligence,” he said.

Object Design coordinator Sara Lindsay said that the exciting program allows students to experience the design process in their own schools with the guidance of some of Tasmania's leading designers.

“The unit focuses on the making of bespoke functional items with a strong design emphasis and this year's design brief of “mutation” has produced a variety of distinctive and varied works.”

Among the work on display will be a 3D printed model and inkjet prints by Elizabeth College student Linden Ragus and a coffee table made from a V8 engine block by Calvin Christian School student Liam Hayes.

OBJECT DESIGN EXHIBITIONS

Devonport

WHERE: Don College, 87 Watkinson St, Devonport. Ph: 6424 0200

WHEN: Thursday, October 23, 8.30am-4.30pm

Hobart

WHERE: Plimsoll Gallery, Tasmanian College of the Arts, Hunter St, Hobart. Ph: 6226 4300

WHEN: Friday, October 24, 12 noon-5pm

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