



# the Art of education

*In what can only be described as art with class, sixteen Year 11 Oxley College Visual Art students have just returned from a two day Art Camp at Biloela; an educational adventure in expression and experimentation.*

The initiative of art teacher, Sophie Lampert, based on her own experience at the Canberra Art School of the 1980s and embracing Bauhaus philosophy, the camp aims to take students away from familiar settings to work as a united group while tuning in to nature. "It's an exercise to create teamwork, form close bonds, and blunt competitiveness," says Lampert. "The idea is to form paintings in a painterly group. Shared experience and collaboration develops understanding and builds relationships. In Art School, students are taught that the most stimulating and valuable people in their life are their Art School colleagues."

Rather than the bush sculpture of previous years, this year's camp opted to focus on site specific drawing and painting inspired by the widely collected English born artist John Wolsley, who has built a

fine reputation and portfolio of exquisite drawings and paintings exploring the dynamic and varied landscape of his adopted country.

The intensive workshops in drawing and painting are designed to encourage students to look closely at the environment, do drawings on site and then take and further develop their works into abstract form. Although part of a prescribed area of study, Lampert hopes "it all goes towards collective knowledge. Most of my students will paint for their Higher School Certificate major works. Most are realistic painters, so it's important that they explore abstraction, brush strokes and spontaneity. We're exploring mark-making to create something different. Part of the exercise involves creating a massive painting done by the group to avoid the singular," says Lampert.

"Most of the students are obsessed by control, so we are hoping to take away that obsessiveness for different results. All are very talented. It's the most talented group I have ever taught in my seven or so years of teaching."

No idle boast, as four of Lampert's students have been recently anointed as having "achieved the highest level of excellence in the Visual Arts Preliminary Course" and selected from over five hundred applicants to participate in the NSW Board of Studies-endorsed National Art School's Intensive Studio Practice Program in either sculpture, painting or art theory. True education.



Oxley students create a natural canvas

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## Art In July

A passion for art, and the desire to celebrate art in winter while raising funds for Diabetes research brings together a group of local artists for their upcoming 'Art In July' exhibition at BDAS; busy women who practice their art while balancing working lives and family. Buoyed by their successful "8" exhibition of last year, the group has expanded to nine – Tracey Miller, Jenny White, Trudi Spencer, Penny Levett, Leanne Booth, Susie Webster, Samantha Waldron, Louise Pearsall and Kirsten Deakin. The artists promise to present an eclectic array of works across a range of styles and media, from print to mixed media to jewellery, acrylic to watercolour.

From July 17th to 22nd, 2008 @ BDAS. Official opening by Luciano Liberale on July 18th @ 5.30pm. 10% of proceeds from the sale of artworks will be donated to Diabetes Australia NSW, along with proceeds from the raffle of a hamper from local organic health food outlet and café, Wildfoods.

## THE 2008 ARCHIBALD PRIZE

Sat 12 July – Sun 17 August

See this blockbuster exhibition in the comfort of the Goulburn Regional Art Gallery. Gala dinner Saturday 12 July at 7pm. Tickets \$55 per head. Contact Gallery for accommodation & dinner packages.

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