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AUSTRALIA'S TOP ART STUDENTS GET CREATIVE AT THE 2016 NGA SUMMER ART SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Sixteen Year 12 students from across Australia will spend this week immersed in the visual arts at the National Gallery of Australia as part of the 2016 Summer Art Scholarship Program.

This year, students will meet and work with acclaimed Torres Strait Islander artist Brian Robinson as well as get a rare glimpse behind the scenes at the NGA.

The students experience an intense week of creative workshops, mentoring from NGA staff, and hands on work with artists at the Australian National University. The program will also give students an opportunity to see the new Australian and International galleries along with the NGA summer exhibitions, *Tom Roberts* and *The Last Temptation: The art of Ken and Julia Yonetani*.

'This is a great program for young Australians to explore their interest in the arts and gain a unique insight into the many career opportunities that galleries and museums offer,' said Simon Elliott, NGA Assistant Director.

The National Summer Art Scholarship is made possible with the support of Tim Fairfax in honour of former NGA Director Betty Churcher and supported by the Brassey Hotel, and ANU School of Art.

2016 National Summer Art Scholars:

Queensland

Mr Solomona Nona, Tagai State College, Thursday Island, QLD

Ms Jessica Tracey, Somerville House, Brisbane, QLD

Victoria

Mr Astro Spiller, Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School, Melbourne VIC

Ms Jessica Benter, Warrnambool College, Warrnambool VIC

Tasmania

Ms Emma Wadley, St Patrick's College, Launceston, TAS

Mr Caleb Clifford, Newstead College Launceston, TAS

NSW

Ms Waheda Alami, Glenwood High School, Sydney NSW

Mr Mackenzie Saddler, Leeton High School, Leeton NSW

ACT

Mr Michael Sandford, Marist College, Mawson, Canberra ACT

Mr Solomon Grainger, Daramalan College, Dickson, Canberra ACT

South Australia

Ms Nozhat Hassan, Pedare Christian College, Adelaide SA

Ms Ella-Maude Wilson, Trinity College, Gawler SA

Northern Territory

Mr Pio III Gillamac, Casuarina Senior School, Darwin NT
Ms Julia Woods, O'Loughlin Catholic College, Darwin NT

Western Australia

Ms Amy Reid, St Stephens School Perth WA
Ms Shania Haigh, Manjimup Senior High School, Manjimup WA

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