Artist in Residence "11 and Beyond" Launches on International Rugmaking Day

TMSS receives funding for Artist Residence Project "11 and Beyond" for 2015.

From 2015 Year 7 will become the first year of high school in Queensland, but where does that leave the grade 6's?

This cultural shift was the inspiration for Artist Bec Andersen for an artist in residence collaboration with Tamborine Mountain State School.

The Artist in Residence Program is a three year partnership between the Australia Council for the Arts and the Queensland Government. From 92 expressions of interest, 24 were chosen to progress to full application stage. Of the 24 full proposal applications, 12 were successful in acquiring investment funding.

Bec Andersen, will work with Tamborine Mountain State School student's to develop a fibre project from digital design to production including the process of hand dying wool with natural yarns.

Photographer Sophie Baker will help document the project in the form of a blog created by the students as well as assisting in classroom lessons and Natalie Morris, will provide a series of movement workshops for the idea generation stage of the project.

This Community art project will also involve The Local Mens Shed, The Happy Hookers support crew, and a showcase event will be held in a local venue in May 2015.

The Happy Hookers will be assisting children to learn the technique in the classrooms as well as hosting a series of sewing bees.

Would you like to know more? Come to the International Rugmaking Day Demonstration at Tamborine Mountain Library on Thursday December 4th at 10am.

We would love to see you and share some ideas.

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