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## **Margate Primary wins 2018 Hadley's School Prize presented by Artery**

The shelves at Margate Primary will soon be filled with a range of new art supplies, after winning the Hadley's School Prize, presented by local business, Artery, it was announced today.

This year the Hadley's Art Prize Hobart saw over 300 students visit the finalists' exhibition, which ran from 21 July to 25 August.

Curator, Amy Jackett said she was heartened to see so many school groups engage with the exhibition.

"With an incredible range of landscape art from across the country, the exhibition was a great place to learn about Australian art and explore how artists visually express relationships with the environment," Dr Jackett said.

"It was interesting to see how differently each student reacted to the 31 finalists' works on show," she said.

This year the Hadley's Art Prize Hobart launched an Education Kit aligned with the Australian Curriculum and endorsed by Art Education Australia.

Dr Abbey MacDonald, Vice President of Art Education Australia said the national peak body for arts education saw an opportunity to partner with Hadley's Art Prize, making this Education Kit the first of its kind to be endorsed by AEA.

"The Kit gives teachers a strong platform to get students thinking about the artworks, and it also has activities to inspire students to create their own artworks," Dr MacDonald said.

The Hadley's Art Prize, presented by Artery, encouraged schools to visit the exhibition and required they engage in at least one of the activities in the Education Kit in order to participate in the competition.

Margate Primary School's winning submission featured a video of their class exhibition of postcards depicting students' favourite places. Margate Primary will receive a \$1000 gift voucher for art materials from one of Tasmania's leading art supply stores in Hobart.

Grade 5/6 teacher, Aaron Heier said visiting the Hadley's Art Prize opened the door for his students to explore the language used to describe art.

"It gave my class the freedom to explore new visual languages to depict the places we are spiritually and emotionally connected to," Mr Heier said.

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"The class exhibition has been a huge source of pride for a group who are overwhelmingly artistically self-conscious."

Hadley's School Prize judge and President of Art Education Australia, Dr Margaret Baguley said she enjoyed seeing the activities in the Kit come to life.

"One of the strengths of Margate Primary's video submission was the way the students spoke about the special place in Tasmania they had depicted and their sensitive and thoughtful use of technology to create a short film which became another artwork in its own right," Dr Baguley said.

Co-judge Dr Abbey MacDonald said the works highlighted genuine engagement, courage and curiosity.

"It is a powerful reminder of the value of place-based experiential learning experiences in relation to professional industry contexts, such as galleries and museums," Dr MacDonald said.

Mr Heier said the new art supplies will enable his students to further develop their creative expression and will no doubt lead to more great class exhibitions.

For more information on the Hadley's Art Prize Hobart or the Education Kit and the Hadley's School Prize, visit [www.hadleysartprize.com.au](http://www.hadleysartprize.com.au)

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#### Photo/vision opportunity:

Students at Margate Primary with their artwork and Winners Certificate, presented by Dr Amy Jackett and Roy Leeman (Director, Artery). Students making artworks in class.

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#### Included vision:

Margate Primary School's winning submission: a video featuring student artworks with voiceovers of students speaking to their artworks (2min 52secs)-

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