Colo High School art students make ARTEXPRESS cut

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COLO High School is proving to be leader in art education with five of its HSC art students selected to exhibit their final works at ARTEXPRESS.

The selection process for ARTEXPRESS is rigorous, with only the most exemplary works selected for exhibition each year.

Colo High art teacher Jenny Pratt said to have five of her students selected to display their work in the exhibition was a huge feat.

“I am just so proud, I can’t believe they persevered through it all, they never said no to any suggestions to improve their work,” Mrs Pratt said.

“They are all wonderful young women, I couldn’t be happier with their success.”

The five ladies, Morgan Spencer, Erin Brady, Bronte Leahy, Elise Lattimore and Lily Mickail, were inspired by a variety of things when creating their final work.

Erin said her love of Ancient History and the female warrior was her inspiration, while Morgans was her obsession with the pool.

The ladies said their HSC experience was one they shared together, helping each other out along the way.
As well as their work during school hours, the ladies also stayed back, with the Visual Arts Staff every Tuesday evening.

“We pushed each other and supported each other throughout the year,” Erin said.

“It’s a great success, we’re proud of what we have accomplished as individuals and as a group.

“It is an unexpected honour.”

The ladies said they felt the challenges they faced throughout their HSC were shared and experienced by everyone in the classroom.

They said bouncing ideas between one another, and giving each other constructive criticism in order to achieve maximum potential really helped.

“to see our work at ARTEXPRESS is acknowledgement of our hard work and effort throughout the year,” Morgan said.

“It is a big achievement to be an exhibited artist - all that time and effort being praised,” she said.

The ARTEXPRESS exhibition will take place at the Art Gallery of NSW from March 16 to May 15, 2016.

The exhibition will feature a selection of outstanding student artworks developed for the artmaking component of the HSC examination in Visual Arts 2015, ARTEXPRESS 2016 provides insight into students’ creativity and the issues important to them.

The exhibition includes a broad range of approaches and expressive forms, including ceramics, collection of works, documented forms, drawing, graphic design, painting, photomedia, printmaking, sculpture, textiles and fibre, and more.