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Students join in Art Express Workshop

Students from Narooma High School and Wollongong High School for the Performing Arts had a challenging full day workshop with Shoalhaven artist, Anna Glynn this week at the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre. The workshop provided an opportunity for stage 5 and stage 6 visual arts students to experience a range of drawing materials and techniques under the guidance of a practicing visual artist.

The students explored many different techniques which were designed to encourage them to take a fresh look at things and examine them more carefully. They were encouraged to draw 'what is there' not what their brain was telling them 'should be there'. Using a wide variety of materials, students created a collaborative work in ink on traditional Japanese paper. Each student took turns to contribute to the large work on a fantasy and nature theme.

The workshop was organised by The Arts Unit at the NSW Department of Education and Training as part of the Art Express touring exhibition. The Art Express exhibition is currently on at the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre until 8 June, 2011.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said he was glad the Shoalhaven was able to be part of bringing art experiences to the boarder artistic community.

"This was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn outside of the normal classroom environment" Cllr Green said. "It's wonderful to see the success of so many local students on the Art Express exhibition."

For further information on the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre, you can contact the centre's manager, Tracey Glenn on (02) 4422 0648, or visit the centre's website at www.shoalhavenartscentre.com.au

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