

## Respectful Relationships Artwork Exhibited

This week the laneway beside Memorial Hall will transformed into a colourful outdoor gallery showcasing the work of local students participating in the Department of Education and Training's *Respectful Relationships* art competition. This year's theme is 'Challenging Gender Stereotypes'.

The project is part of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign run by Respectful Relationships teams from across Gippsland in partnership with Gippsland Women's Health. The campaign asks people to draw a link between inequality, sexist jokes, traditional gender roles and violence against women. This year's finalists and highly commended will have their artwork reproduced on large posters to be displayed in the Memorial Hall walkway from 3 – 10 December.

Thirteen posters have been selected from the categories of Primary, Secondary and Specialist Schools including artwork from South Gippsland students.

South Gippsland Shire Council is an active supporter of community led projects that encourage respectful relationships.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Arts Development Officer Mary Sullivan was pleased to see the artwork displayed.

"We are very proud of all the students who have contributed these artworks to the project; their creativity sends a powerful message to the community and we encourage everyone in the community to see the exhibition," said Ms. Sullivan.

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