



Media Alert

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Western Students Get A Chance To Tell Tales

On Tuesday 28 August, a special audience at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) will be treated to a roller coaster ride of emotional tales.

10 western suburbs students and three teachers will showcase their own autobiographical short films after spending two weeks refining their digital story telling techniques.

Incorporating joy, sadness, excitement and fear, the participants from Copperfield and Sunshine Secondary Colleges and Shire of Melton – Youth Program, will screen short films created themselves about important aspects of their lives.

Western Chances, a scholarship program founded by Terry Bracks, together with ACMI, have given these talented students a chance to learn the art of digital storytelling including design, script development, filming, editing and producing.

“The students have written their own stories to produce a wonderful mix of personal tales,” Mrs Bracks said.

By taking part in this innovative program, students have learnt the valuable skill of new media technology and detailed an important aspect of their lives, which is an extremely hard task to achieve in just two weeks.

“The diversity of the stories and the creativity shown by each student is an amazing display of the talent we have in the Western Suburbs,” she said.

“Our hope is that projects like ACMI will encourage participants to further develop their skills in the constantly changing world of digital media,” Mrs Bracks added.

Students will be screening their three minute films to family and friends along with Western Chances board members and sponsors on **Tuesday 28th August at ACMI’s Screen Pit, Federation Square.**

The screening begins at **6.15pm** with special comments from **Terry Bracks, Founding Chair, Western Chances** and **Tony Sweeney, Director, ACMI.**

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