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Overseas Visitors to see Independent School Art

Student artists at Independent schools are looking forward to exhibiting their work when more than 500 visiting art teachers from around the world meet in Melbourne in July.

This year's Independent Schools Victoria exhibition of student art work coincides with the 34th World Congress of the International Society for Education Through Art (InSEA).

The overseas art teachers will be able to see artwork created by students from primary level up to VCE who attend Independent schools throughout the state. They will view two dimensional and three dimensional art and digital media conveying a wide range of ideas and themes.

Anne Smith, the curator of the exhibition who is Art Programs Education Manager at Independent Schools Victoria says the students are thrilled to be able to share their artwork with teachers from around the world.

"It gives the InSEA visitors an insight into the high artistic standards of the arts education programs and the level of skill being achieved in Victorian schools."

Ms Smith says that art plays a big part in the education of students, helping them develop creative and critical thinking skills which can enhance how they learn in all subjects.

The schools exhibition will be at Shell House, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, from July 3 to 18 during business hours.

InSEA Congress

The theme of the InSEA congress is Diversity through Art – Change, Continuity, Context. Delegates will discuss art, art education and the education profession.

Co-convenor Marion Strong says the congress is attracting government and non-government school educators, representatives from state, national and private galleries, art collectors and arts philanthropists.

It is expected that between 500 and 700 delegates will attend the congress at the Melbourne Cricket Ground from July 7 to 11. Full details can be found at <http://www.insea2014.com>.