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**ATTENTION : Year 12 Visual Arts Teachers,
RE: FIRST CLASS 15 Exhibition
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, March 2016**

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Dear Year 12 Visual Art Teachers,

We have been listening to you and are therefore making the **First Class 15 exhibition** nomination form and information available on the gallery website before HSC BOW lock-up time (scroll down for downloads at <http://artgallery.lakemac.com.au/learn/schools>). This will make it easier for you to approach the suitable students with the forms while they are completing their BOW documentation.

Initiated in 2009, the *First Class* exhibition project at Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery (LMCAG) was developed to showcase Hunter Region and Central Coast HSC Visual Art submissions and programmed to coincide where possible with local presentation of the touring *ArtExpress* exhibition. After seven successful years, LMCAG is pleased to invite your nominations for the next exhibition in the project, *First Class 15*.

Please nominate for possible selection works meeting the following criteria:

- strictly follows the BOS marking criteria guidelines for materials, scale etc...
- achieved band 5 or band 6 in school-based assessment
- shows evidence of accomplished technical skill
- is successful and engaging with a high degree of resolution
- explores personal values and beliefs through social and cultural inquiry.

We would appreciate your assisting the **Year 12 nominees** to complete all the fields of the Nomination Permission Form and to send those forms by post or email to LMCAG by **Monday 14 September 2015**.

Email notification of selection for the exhibition will be made to the students by **Monday 2 November 2015**. *First Class 15* will be displayed **18 March – 24 April 2016** and works will need to be delivered to the gallery by **1 March 2016**. While at the gallery, the students' works will be insured by LMCAG and handled at all times by gallery professionals.

Please note: Works nominated for ArtExpress pre-selection ARE eligible for the project. HOWEVER if the work is accepted for the ArtExpress exhibition tour, the gallery must be notified IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you for participating in this worthwhile experience. We trust that you respond to the project with the same enthusiasm as we bring to it. Previous *First Class* exhibitions have proven to be a valuable showcase for schools, CAPA, visual arts teachers and all visual art students.

Should you require further information, please contact me on (02) 4965 8260.

Yours sincerely

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