

# Media Release

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## Success for TAFE Queensland Brisbane Photography Students

TAFE Queensland Brisbane student Sharon Lewin was named as a finalist for the acclaimed title of Queensland Student of the Year at the Australian Institute of Professional Photography (AIPP) Awards.

The AIPP Epson State Photographer of the year attracts photographers from around Australia, who enter for a chance to showcase their work as well as have it reviewed by a professional panel of industry judges. Since the award's inception, the AIPP awards have been the launch pad for the successful careers of many acclaimed Australian photographers, as well as the past TAFE Queensland Brisbane winners.

In addition to Ms Lewin's being named a finalist at the black tie awards dinner on 30th March, seven other TAFE Queensland Brisbane Students were also awarded Silver awards at TAFE Queensland Brisbane's Mt Gravatt campus on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March. Matthew Taylor, Georgina Ashford, Sharon Lewin, Rosemary van de Linde, Madison Ruddle-Galloway and Alycia Angel were each awarded one Silver award and Bradley Wilkinson achieved two Silver awards for his work.

TAFE Queensland Brisbane's Visual Arts Teacher Michelle Dursun said she is incredibly proud of all twenty-two students who entered the AIPP Epson Awards. Studying either a Diploma of Photo Imaging or an Advanced Diploma of Visual Arts, students from these courses entered three images each in to the awards, and achieved remarkable results.

"I am extremely proud of the TAFE Queensland Brisbane photography students who entered the awards this year. For many of these students it was the first year they had entered and their results are outstanding," said Ms Dursun.

Recently the Australia Institute of Professional Photography celebrated its official 50th anniversary of service to professional photographers. Therefore some keen TAFE Queensland Brisbane Students from the photography department jumped at the chance to be volunteer and work behind the scenes at the event. The opportunity allowed them to meet with professional photographers, gain an insight into the industry and be inspired by the very best in photo imaging.

To find out more about TAFE Queensland Brisbane's nationally accredited certificate or diploma qualification in visual arts or photography, please visit [tafebrisbane.edu.au](http://tafebrisbane.edu.au) or call 13 72 48.

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