



SUNSHINE COAST
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Grammar Art students inspire inception of prestigious Oswald Tilney Award

Sunshine Coast Grammar School is honoured to have inspired the inception of a prestigious art award this year for Primary School students.

This award has been donated in memory of local Australian Artist Oswald Tilney, a man of great artistic talent. Oswald was born in Belmore NSW on 2nd February 1917. After taking an interest in art at an early age, he attended Summer Hill High School where he became a Prefect and Dux of the school.

He came to the notice of Mr Henry Gibbons, an art master at Julian Ashton Art School in Sydney, and was offered an Art scholarship because of his natural ability and artistic talent.

Oswald eventually took an interest in portraiture but his studies were interrupted by World War II when he was deployed to Papua New Guinea to serve for Australia. Upon return home he developed Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and tuberculosis to which he never fully recovered.

Oswald passed away on the 4th May 2016, aged 99 years. His final resting place is in the war memorial wall at Gregson and Weight, Nambour.

In October 2016, Oswald's youngest sister, Nada Fisher, attended her first Sunshine Coast Grammar School Art Show. Upon being so impressed by the passion, talent and manners shown by students, she decided to create the 'Oswald Tilney Award', a perpetual prize to forever honour her brother.

The 2017 Grammar Art Show will showcase the Inaugural award recipient, along with many other creative masterpieces, and will recognise the growing talent in Primary School.

Head of Art at Grammar, Dr Kerrie Corcoran, said, "We are honoured to have received such a generous prize in recognition of the talent of Grammar Art students. I know Primary students will be excited that their artwork will be considered for such an award. We thank Nada Fisher for her generosity."

The 2017, Grammar Art Show Grand Opening will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 26 October 2017 in the Grammar Hall, and run until 12pm on Saturday 28 October 2017.

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