

SHOWING THEIR ARTISTIC SIDE

Teaching student Lily Veale's future pupils will have a head start on school art projects with their artistic teacher taking out an arts award at Australian Catholic University.

ACU students in their first, second, third or fourth year of study toward their Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary), showcased their creative talents in the Faculty of Education and Arts' biannual art exhibition.



Ms Veale's five-piece wooden silhouette artwork *Tree of Life* won the top prize, the \$500 campus acquisition award. "This set of five wooden silhouette artworks was inspired by my love of storytelling," Ms Veale said. "I wanted to depict a story that represents the importance of the stewardship of our environment; as well as what it means to grow and become old. Throughout the piece, a young girl and tree can be seen growing simultaneously together. However, as the woman ages, the tree begins to die."

Each future educator studying the courses contributed a final art piece or performance for the exhibition. Artist Trudy Nicholson, the vice president of the Ballarat Society of Artists and a long standing arts teacher, spoke at the exhibition to share her artistic journey.

Other visual arts winners on the night included Emily Stevenson and Brodie Kamp, with the \$200 performance award won jointly by Chanelle Linane, Jesse Smith, Lucy Quinlan and Hannah Walter.

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Lily Veale pictured above with her her five-piece wooden silhouette artworks Tree of Life.*