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“Not all heroes wear capes”: Celebrating our teachers through art

School students have represented their teachers as everyday superheros in a statewide art competition hosted by the Association of Independent Schools of NSW (AISNSW).

AISNSW Chief Executive Margery Evans today announced the winners of the 2024 World Teachers' Day student art competition, celebrating the invaluable role teachers play in the development of 237,000 NSW Independent school students.

“I congratulate Marina - a Year 4 student from Hurstville Adventist School - for winning the Primary category, and Megan - a Year 10 student at Loreto Kirribilli - who won the Secondary category.

“The winning entries will feature in the promotion of AISNSW's World Teachers' Day program, which is celebrated in NSW on Friday 25 October¹,” Ms Evans said.

“The illustrations (which are attached) highlight the positive roles teachers play in shaping the lives of their students.

“This year's competition's theme, *Not All Heroes Wear Capes*, reflects the life-changing but often underappreciated responsibility teachers choose to take on when they enter the profession.

“Students from a range of Independent schools submitted entries in various artistic media including painting, drawing, sculpture, digital art, mixed media, and collage.

Ms Evans said the winning entrants portrayed their teachers with knowledge, passion, and dedication.

“Teachers are the unsung heroes of our society, shaping minds, nurturing potential, and inspiring greatness,” she said.

“As a society, we must recognise the importance of teaching as a profession so that its status as a career choice is valued and upheld.

“World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to appreciate the efforts of all educators, wherever they work,” Ms Evans said.

AISNSW represents 426 Independent schools across 563 campuses who educate almost 237,000 students, or 19% of all NSW school students.

¹ Globally, *World Teachers' Day* has been celebrated since 1994 in early October, which is during NSW's school holidays. It is therefore celebrated here on the last Friday in October.