

## **Top Art exhibition launches for 2019**

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On Monday 25 February, the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) opened the 2019 Top Art exhibition, with hosts, Massey University.

The portfolios will be displayed in the main foyer of Massey University's College of Creative Arts until 8 March when they will be split into two tours of 30 portfolios to travel the country; one going south, the other north.

This annual touring exhibition is coordinated by NZQA and features NCEA Level 3 Visual Art portfolios by students who achieved Excellence in 2018. Several also achieved New Zealand Scholarship.

The Top Art exhibition showcases the best of the five fields of NCEA Level 3 Visual Arts; design, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture. What is displayed is just a small selection of the exceptional artwork produced in schools across the country.

The exhibition is an opportunity for students to celebrate their achievement with their whānau, friends, and their teachers.

Massey University's Head of School for Whiti O Rehua School of Art, Dr Huhana Smith, welcomed everyone to the launch and celebrated the originality and high standard of work of the students whose art portfolio had been selected for the tour. Huhana thanked NZQA for the opportunity to share in the celebrating the success of these talented young people.

NZQA Deputy Chief Executive Assessment, Kristine Kilkelly, highlighted the high calibre of student work on display. "It's great to see the outstanding work that students have created over the year. This exhibition allows future students to see the high standard of work they should be aiming for."

For more information about the exhibition and to see the tour schedule, please visit: [nzqa.govt.nz/top-art](https://nzqa.govt.nz/top-art)



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