

# Immanuel festival hopes to draw on Coast's creative spirit



**ANTICIPATION BUILDS:** Immanuel Lutheran College students are excited to be involved creatively in the festival. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

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IMMANUEL Arts Festival organisers are hoping a growing creative flair on the Sunshine Coast will translate into more entries for the upcoming event.

Immanuel Arts Festival volunteer Melissa Evans encourages school students as well as all other community members to enter their artworks for the exhibition.

"The Easter break coming up is a perfect opportunity for people to work away on their creative artworks for the festival," Mrs Evans said this week.

Previous years have seen photography, sculpting, wearable art and student films emerge alongside the vast collection of paintings submitted. People skilled in any of these areas are welcome. Artist in focus for the festival, Clive Holden, likes to help up-and-coming artists on the Coast.

"I've seen a massive growth in participation, not only just beginners, but more and more professionals are becoming a part of the festival," Holden said.

"It's not only about art, but about connections for these artists to grow their community contacts.

"The festival, being the largest of its kind on the Coast, really brings people together."

The community event is open to all entries locally or nationally, including a section for school students. This is a chance to view rising talent on the Coast, giving participants the opportunity to showcase their work.

Entries are open until April 10. Prizes include: gift cards for school student entries, cash prizes and sponsor prizes.

For more information or to submit your entry, visit: <http://www.immanuelartsfestival.com.au/index.html>