



# Media Release

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## 2023 Future Creatives announced



Hannah Gorst  
*Homelife (detail)* 2022  
oil on paper  
Belmont High School, VCE Studio Arts

Geelong Gallery is delighted to announce that 11 works by 9 students have been selected for the *2023 Future Creatives* exhibition opening on Saturday 4 February 2023.

This inaugural exhibition celebrates the achievements and creative practice of young emerging artists living in Geelong and the surrounding region who completed their Victorian Certificate of Education in 2022.

Geelong Gallery thanks Creative Futures Design Fund for generously supporting this exhibition which provides a valuable opportunity to support the professional development of students and assists in facilitating future tertiary studies in art and design.

For a full list of finalists [visit our website](#).

### Exhibition dates

Saturday 4 February to Monday 13 March 2023



Layla Salerno  
*Crowded but isolated* 2022  
oil on canvas  
Sacred Heart College, VCE Studio Arts

The exhibition will feature works by Belmont High School's **Arthur Foulkes** and **Hannah Gorst**, Sacred Heart College's **Alice McAloon**, **Viktoriah Patterson-McCosh** and **Layla Salerno**, Christian College's **Emily Georgiadis** and **Eloise Wingrave**, Kardinia International College's **Makayla Staehr** and Bellarine Secondary College's **Poppy Mason**.

This exhibition will be on public display in the Geelong Gallery Learn Space.

### Exhibition partner

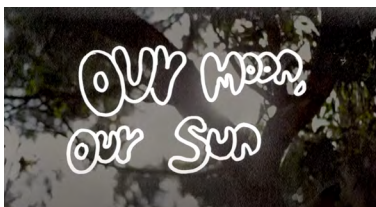
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Eloise Wingrave  
*Prime Minister (detail)* 2022  
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Christian College Geelong, VCE Studio Arts

The selection panel for the *2023 Future Creatives* exhibition included Geelong Gallery Learn & Audience Engagement Manager, **Elishia Furet** and Geelong Gallery Assistant Curator, **Katarina Paseta**. The judges commented '*Future Creatives 2023* presents an impressive selection of works across a variety of media including painting, drawing, ceramics, video, sculpture, printmaking and digital art.

Several of the shortlisted artists have responded to urgent social and political issues with great sophistication, sensitivity, and creativity. These include the climate crisis, political responsibility and accountability; gender equity; Queer representation; and the effects of social media and consumer culture on mental health. Other artists have engaged poetically with their immediate surrounds, finding inspiration in the natural world, literature and the imagination.'



Poppy Mason  
*Our moon, our sun* 2022  
digital video, duration: 00:09:01  
Bellarine Secondary College, VCE Design and Media



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