



## MEDIA INFORMER

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### Teacher inspires six of her Students into Finals of Australian Museum Design Awards

**An extraordinary six of the ten finalists in this year’s Australian Museum “Fashion Less Waste Design Awards” (Secondary School), including the Runner Up, Rebecca Lee, were Year 11 students of Roseville College’s Technology & Applied Studies (TAS) teacher Dominique Northedge.**

The impressive result, acknowledged by the judges as “very unusual” and “unprecedented”, was thrilling and humbling for Ms Northedge, who says that she only sought to encourage her students to give it their best.

“This year’s awards were in connection with the broad theme ‘Deep Oceans’; so girls used innovative materials to create outfits inspired by creatures from the deep,” Ms Northedge explains. “I am delighted that six girls were named as finalists. It is icing on the cake that Rebecca Lee was the Runner Up.”

Australian Museum Education Project Officer, Jane Johnson, says having six finalists from one school – Georgina Craig, Yianna Georgiou, Rebecca Lee, Eden Lim, Edwina Sharpe and Rachelle Sleiman – is “impressively disproportionate” considering the more than 1000 entries received.

“You may have noticed the strong representation of Roseville College in the Secondary Category,” she blogs. “These students are from the same class, having completed their entries during a school activity. The representation is impressively disproportionate, considering the number of entries from Roseville compared to the number of entries overall. This really says something about the learning environment created by their teacher, Dominique Northedge. Congratulations to Dominique as well as to all the finalists.”

Winning entries are displayed from 2 August to 29 November 2012 at various locations around Sydney. For Jane Johnson’s full blog: <http://australianmuseum.net.au/BlogPost/From-the-Floor/The-full-FLW-2012-finalist-list-released>. For location details, see: <http://australianmuseum.net.au/Fashion-Less-Waste>.

In the past three years, Roseville College’s TAS achievements include 2007 Graduate Alexandra Comino named as the 2008 Singer® Young Designer (she was short-listed as a Finalist with a fellow graduate). In the HSC, four students ranked in the Top 50 in Design & Technology, seven were pre-selected for DesignTech (Board of Studies’ Showcase) and one was selected.

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Photographs: *top* Roseville College teacher, Ms Dominique Northedge.  
*middle* The six finalists with teachers and judges\*.  
*bottom* Runner Up (Secondary Category) Rebecca Lee\*.

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