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Students' creativity take wing under Flying Arts

Budding artists from Wandoan State School were given the opportunity to unleash their creative potential thanks to a partnership between Xstrata and Flying Arts, a not-for-profit artistic development organisation.

Executive General Manager for the Wandoan Coal Project Steve Bridger said Xstrata was a major sponsor of the two-day arts development workshop, part of Xstrata's commitment to supporting the vibrancy of local communities.

"We've always admired Wandoan's enthusiasm for the arts and have been long-time supporters of local organisations like the Wandoan Arts Council," Mr Bridger said.

"It was great to be able to extend this support to the younger generation and give Wandoan students the chance to showcase their talents."

Under the guidance of artists from Flying Arts, students immersed themselves in a variety of activities ranging from watercolour painting to stencilling to self-portraiture.

Principal for Wandoan State School Bryan Power said without Xstrata's support the school would not have been able to participate in the Flying Arts program.

"It's been really positive in the last days of school to see the students engage with visiting experts, through sharing the experts' experience and skills," Mr Power said.

"This experience has been about more than learning art skills—it's been about gaining life skills while enjoying themselves through learning."

The public will be able to view most of the students' creative fruits of labour at next year's Wandoan Show art exhibition.

Xstrata will continue to support a wide range of initiatives within the local communities while awaiting approvals for its proposed Wandoan Coal Mine.

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Please note: Photographs of the event are available on request.

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