



Cape Naturaliste College students Tom McCaughan, Jai Clark, Eleisha Martin and Sage Norris have contributed to the FIVE community art exhibition at ArtGeo.

Mental health issues focus of art project

A group of Year 9 Cape Naturaliste College students have chipped into the FIVE Busselton community art project.

A joint initiative from Rio Tinto and Disability in the Arts Disadvantage in the Arts Australia, the FIVE project aims to use art to build awareness around mental health issues in five regional WA communities.

Two public art installations will result from the project — one from the families of fly-in, fly-out workers, led by artist Nicole Mickle, and one from schools and youth groups, led by artist Hiromi Tango.

Part of the sculpture is based on sharing a personal story. The students worked with fabrics and glue to create blue puppets that have symbolic meaning to them.

They also created two booklets based on the theme of belonging.

These have been bound together in a suitcase to represent the vibrant, diverse and unified community of Cape Naturaliste College, to be used by Tango in the community sculpture. The project will culminate in a public exhibition and screening in the ArtGeo Cultural Precinct next Friday.