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TUGGERAH LAKES SECONDARY COLLEGE WINS STATE FINAL OF WAKAKIRRI STORY-DANCE FESTIVAL

Last night, 70 students from Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College danced their way to a place in the national final of the Wakakirri Story-Dance Festival after being crowned NSW champions with their performance *Define Smart*.

With only 7 minutes to convey a complete story, the students from Years 7-10 used movement and props to explore the notion that standardised tests, exam scores and their data capture the essence of intelligence. The performance encouraged the audience to see the myriad of ways that aptitude and excellence can be demonstrated through careers as diverse as construction workers to prima ballerinas.

Now in its 25th year for primary aged students, 2017 was the first time the Wakakirri workshops and competition were open to secondary schools. 37 secondary schools across Australia joined in, comprising a total of 1,606 students.

The Tuggerah Lakes team are now in the running for the Wakakirri National Story Award which will be announced in the coming weeks.

More about Wakakirri

Wakakirri is an Aboriginal word meaning 'to dance'.

A Wakakirri Story-Dance is a 3-7 minute performance devised by a group of students who theatrically tell a story using a combination of dancing, creative movement and acting to pre-recorded music. Schools can tell any story and use any combination of dance, acting, music, sets, props and costumes. The aim of Wakakirri is to teach students about themselves and others through creating and sharing of stories.

More information about Wakakirri can be found at: <http://www.wakakirri.com/>

Photo attached is of Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College's performance *Define Smart*

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