

FRANKSTON

# Schools shine at competition

## Local dancers honoured at awards

**Kimberley Seedy**

TWO Frankston schools have been honoured at this year's Wakakirri Story Dance Challenge.

Students performed their routines, which tell a story through a combination of dance, drama and creative movement, at The Palais Theatre in St Kilda on September 12.

Mount Erin Year 8 Arts Academy students won Best Australian History Story for their moving piece *'Vietnam — The War Within'*. The are now in the running for Wakakirri's coveted National Story of the Year Award.

Year 8 student Axle Willi-

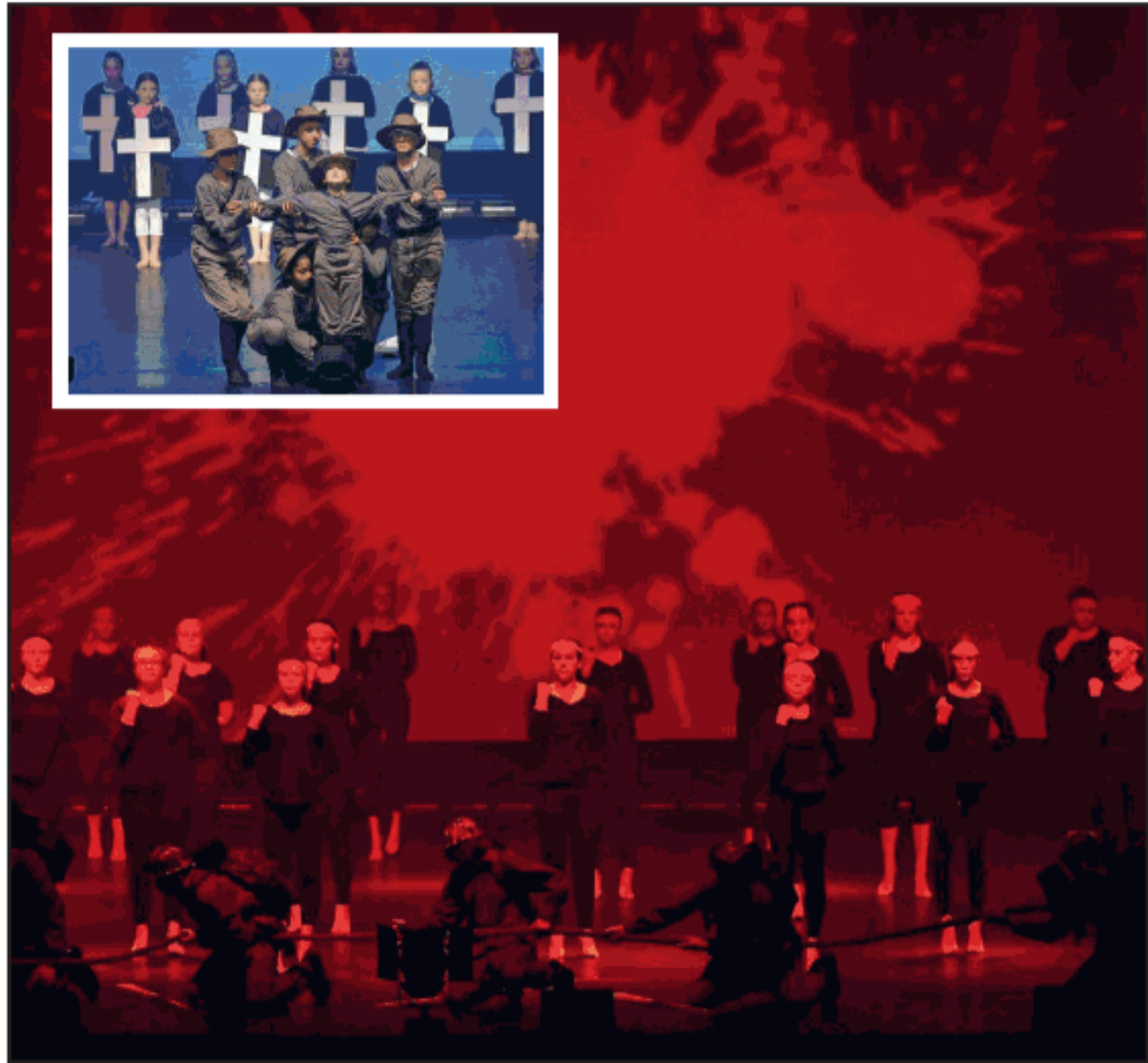
ams won a \$25,000 scholarship to study full-time at the Ministry of Dance.

"You better believe we were crying from the side wings," Mt Erin choreographer Felicity Smith said.

Frankston Heights Primary School students have also been short-listed for a national award for their performance honouring the sacrifice of Australian soldiers who fought at Gallipoli.

Judges Andrew McFarlane and Christopher Horsey praised the students for their strong storytelling, dance ability and dramatic action.

Wakakirri's national Story of the Year award will be announced on October 17.



Mount Erin students won Best Australian History Story for their moving piece *'Vietnam — The War Within'*; inset: Frankston Heights Primary School students performed an emotional work honouring the sacrifice of soldiers at Gallipoli. Picture: WINKIPOP MEDIA