



Artist Statement - 'Hospitality, Everyone's Virtue'

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I created this art piece to properly represent my school, St Rita's College, and our one of six college pillars, Hospitality. I have created this art and split it up into fragments with each one representing a different form of hospitality.

The fragment on the left hand side pictures a lantern representing Venerable Nano Nagle, who is one of the patrons of our school. Nano demonstrated hospitality to all those she met and is our inspiration for living a life of hospitality towards others. The background of this fragment represents the school colours and uniform of my school. Each heart stands for one person from each of our Houses at St Rita's. This fragment displays our pillar of Hospitality as it includes my whole school community and further makes my intentions clear of wanting everyone to have a voice in my schools community, as it's everyone's right to have a voice, and it contributes to an element of hospitality.

The fragment at the top pictures several of my peers in the same uniform that we all share. This uniform represents the pride our school shows as a community. I wanted to display the actions of my school and how my peers perfectly represent hospitality

when you arrive at the school which is why there is a speech bubble saying 'Welcome'. There are several girls from different cultures pictured in this fragment because we all come from different areas in the world, but we all come together as a welcoming, hospitable school community to celebrate the pride of our school, and it's important to acknowledge that we form as one despite our differences, to celebrate hospitality.

The fragment piece on the right hand side pictures the Australian flag, the Aboriginal flag, and the Torres Strait Islander flag. Each has its significance to the Australian culture and to my school as well, like many schools across Australia. One of the main elements of our school is to respect the people who came to this land we call home before us, which is the Aboriginal people. I have put in these flags because I feel it is important for everyone to know that our First Nations Peoples showed hospitality to us at the start of time, and to ensure they are never forgotten for their acts of pure