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***Melbourne Now* engages students**



The National Gallery of Victoria has developed a rich and engaging *Melbourne Now* schools program to complement the largest and most diverse exhibition ever to be undertaken by the NGV.

Tony Ellwood, Director, NGV said: “*Melbourne Now* will explore issues relevant to Melbourne with a focus on dynamic engagement, cultural diversity, indigenous cultures, community, participation and sustainability.”

“The exhibition includes both established and emerging local artists and designers and will inspire the next generation of young artists, designers and creative thinkers. The NGV recognises the importance of arts education and is committed to enriching young lives through dynamic learning opportunities,” Mr Ellwood said.

Gina Panebianco, Head of Education, NGV said that as part of the program students will be given access to leading contemporary artists, designers and architects with forums, workshops and other sessions offered to engage students with the latest contemporary art and design.

“Our tailored on-site programs range from introductory talks, sessions that examine the themes and ideas related to the exhibition, half and full day immersion programs, focus programs for senior school students and a range of online resources.

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“The *Melbourne Now* schools program will be a platform for creative learning for students and teachers across Victoria and aims to be both inclusive and accessible providing regional and remote schools with the opportunity to access the NGV in ways they never have before. There are programs to suit a range of age groups from preschool to VCE as well as professional learning resources for teachers.

“We are thrilled to provide this valuable education program to schools across the state and we hope that this gives them the opportunity to access the NGV and *Melbourne Now* through unique cultural experiences,” Ms Panebianco said.

For more information on the *Melbourne Now* schools program contact NGV Schools on 03 8620 2340, 12-5pm weekdays, email edu.bookings@ngv.vic.gov.au or visit ngv.vic.gov.au/learn

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