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Win for a whole lotta Rosie

COLO High School graduate Elise Lattimore has plenty of reasons to smile at the moment.

Not only can she boast having her 2015 Higher Schools Certificate Art examination work showcased as part of the annual ARTEXPRESS exhibition, but she was recently given an extra nod to the affirmative.

Her work, *Hello Rosie*, earned her the S&S Wholesale Creativity Unlimited Prize.

The prize, valued at \$250, includes a stretched canvas, Stillman & Birn sketchbook, Sydney 3 acrylic paint set, a set of five acrylic brushes and a set of Aquatone water-colour pencils.

Hello Rosie will hang at the Margaret Whitlam Galleries of Western Sydney University.

The graphite on paper drawing uses Elise's dog Rosie as the centrepiece.

"Animals hold a unique place within our lives," she said. "They are symbolic of love, joy and loyalty, reflecting humankind's more virtuous instincts.

"They encourage us to live each moment with their sense of undying love and optimism. I have chosen graphite pencil as it allowed me to detail and highlight different aspects of my personal connection with my dog Rosie, to express this unique relationship of love

and admiration we hold with animals, based on the

unconditional love and trust between us.

"Rosie is not only my dog, she encompasses the bond we have for one another."

The ARTEXPRESS exhibition at the Margaret Whit-

lam Galleries in the Female Orphan School on the Paramatta Campus of Western Sydney University opened on Friday, February 5 and will run until May 6.

"The Academy at Western Sydney University is proud to be a sponsor of ARTEX-

PRESS," said Academy head Joanne Lind.

"The showcase demonstrates creativity and innovation, which are core elements of The Academy's academic program at Western Sydney University."

Another Colo High graduate, Erin Brady also has an artwork, *Virago*, on show at the same exhibition.

Education Department executive director, learning and teaching, Dr Sylvia Cornish praised last year's students on being chosen for ARTEXPRESS.



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