

Martin Edge (2002 – 2003)

I attended St James for Years 11 and 12 studying hands-on subjects but never did Art at school. I enthusiastically embraced the Outdoor Education program and enjoyed rock climbing, abseiling, white water kayaking, climbing Mt Barney, camping as well as doing my Bronze Medallion and Senior First Aid. I was very honoured to be awarded the Br Finbar Mulry Award at the 2003 Speech Night.

Since leaving St James I have become an artist. I attended Art and Illustration at TAFE. My style is Naïve and I enjoy using bright, vibrant colours.

In 2009 I was a finalist in the Blake Prize. I have had five Solo Shows and Exhibits in galleries in Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania.

In 2010 I was honoured by Autism Queensland with the Creative Futures Award presented by the Governor of Queensland.

I have been privileged to have met Ken Done and delighted that he has some of my works in his private collection. In May 2011 Ken Done was the Guest Speaker at the opening of my Solo show in Sydney.

My most recent Exhibition titled “A Different Way of Seeing” was in August 2011 at the Pine Rivers Art Gallery.

My attitude to life is that “there is no harm in trying and no harm in asking”. If you believe in yourself, go ahead and try, don’t take any notice of the knockers – just prove them wrong.