

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**The 2016 MECC Youth Ambassadors, from left, Ella North, Jack Schusser, Jessica Martin, Maggie Formosa, Simone Muirhead, Kate Brown and Kaitlyn Otto.**

Congratulations to the 2016 MECC Youth Ambassadors.

A group of 12 of our region's most talented budding drama performers, singers, musicians, sound designers, technicians, curators and producers have been selected as this year's MECC Youth Ambassadors.

The MECC believes in the value of Arts education and is striving to support students, teachers and schools in their delivery of quality Arts curriculum and programs.

The MECC has developed the Ambassador program to allow students, teachers and schools easier access to available opportunities, such as grant monies, traineeships and workshops.

It's all about offering regional Arts students quality and authentic experiences with professional artists and Arts organisations.

The MECC Youth Ambassadors are advocates of the MECC within their school community. A Youth Ambassador strives to motivate his/her peers to become actively involved in the Arts and Arts experiences which are offered to them via the MECC.

Andrew Bobeldyk, Acting Manager of MECC and Events said the MECC was proud to offer these positions to students from Whitsunday Anglican School, Mackay Christian College, Holy Spirit College, Mirani State High School, Mackay State High School and Pioneer State High School.

"In addition to the students pictured, we would like to congratulate Emma Shepherd, Renee Ball, Josh Hawkings and Isabelle Mawdsley who will all be participating in upcoming inductions," Mr Bobeldyk said

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"Moranbah State High School applicant Emelia Williams was also successful with her application and we are pleased to be able to extend this opportunity to regional schools," he said.

"This program invites students to participate in all areas of the MECC which interest them.

"We are proud to offer them this opportunity and look forward to them being part of our MECC community in 2016." FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE  
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