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# BUDDING STARS MAKE OWN MOVIE

SEVEN All Saints' College students collaborated to create a short film that was shot in East Fremantle, Bicton and Port Beach.

The film *There's No 'I' in Spy* was made by students during their school holidays.

Sam Neill (17), of Shelley, said the film, directed by his friend Jack Connell, told the story of desk agent Mack who witnesses the theft of a top secret government file and must fight to get it back.

Sam, who is in Year 12, played the role of the thief in the film and while he intends to go to university to study outdoor recreation, he wants to continue acting as a hobby.

"Before the project I had very little knowledge of the movie-making process, so immersing myself in it and working on this film was an incredibly gratifying, life-changing experience," he said.

Sam said he did not utter a word in the film, conveying his moods and thoughts through facial expressions.

Director Jack Connell (17) wrote the script during his Year 11 exams at the end of last year and paid for produc-



Actor Sam Neill with his pet dog.

tion costs using savings from his McDonald's wages.

"As an aspiring director I wanted to create a short film that would allow me to explore my style of filmmaking, as well as being entered into competitions and festivals to start building a body of work I am proud of," he said.

"Embedded in the dialogue of our film is the moral of teamwork and sometimes having to lose in order to win."

College media teacher Hayley Wellington said *There's No 'I' in Spy* was the result of her students' passion and enthusiasm.

"I've been really impressed with the way the students have collaborated together on this film. It's a credit to Jack for putting the team together and leading them to completion," she said.

The film can be viewed on the JCP YouTube channel.