



Artistic connections

A GROUP of people with disabilities who live at Nulsen Group homes will be given the opportunity to be 'artists in residence' ahead of a special exhibition hosted by students at All Saints' College on June 21.

Over the next four weeks, 24 Nulsen Group residents will be participating in art classes at the Victoria Park Centre for the Arts to create 50 paintings for inclusion in the All Saints' College 'Re-Connected' exhibition alongside students and established and emerging artists.

Nulsen Group partnerships and communication manager Danica Wieman said the residents had been given a wonderful opportunity to unleash their creative talents and show them off to the world.

"Creativity is something that transcends barriers and our residents will gain new techniques from the two-hour workshops and they will experience the joy of producing unique works of art for potential buyers," she said.

"The theme of the art exhibition is 'Re-Connected' and our artists in residence will be creating artworks which represent their inter-



Year 10 students Zoe Johnston and Zakaria Ebrahim with residents Audrey Warbie and Keith Meakins. **Picture: Jon Hewson**

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pretation of the concept of connecting or making a connection."

The art classes and exhibition have been made possible by Year 5 students at All Saints' College who participated in a service learning project.

Nulsen Group has been collaborating with All Saints' College via the Nulsen Youth Patron Pro-

gram for five years, which is a leadership development and service learning program designed to give Year 10 students opportunities to develop and enhance their leadership skills and altruism by supporting people with complex disabilities in their community.

All Saints' College head of Catalyst: Centre for Service and Social Enterprise

Scott Corbett said the students would be heavily involved in the art exhibition, which would be held in the school's Centre for Performing Arts.

The community exhibition will officially open on Friday, June 21, at 6pm. Guests can buy the artworks via an online auction, with all money raised from sales going to Nulsen.