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## Christ Church Student Finalist in WA Portrait Prize

Year 10 Christ Church Grammar School student Jensen Kirby has been selected as one of the finalists for The Lester Prize Youth Awards. Formally known as the Black Swan Prize for Portraiture, the award - WA's premier fine art prize - is now in its fourteenth year.

Jensen Kirby was one of more than 200 young and aspiring artists from across Australia who entered the popular portrait prize this year. A total prize pool of over \$6,000 is up for grabs with students in Years 7 to 12 awarded in three age group categories. The Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, Oxlades Art Supplies Perth and Lions Club City of Perth have funded the prizes.

"These prizes will be of great benefit as these artists continue to build their skills in the art world", said Annie Silberstein, The Lester Prize's Executive Director.

Jensen Kirby and his fellow young and aspiring artists were invited to submit portraits of an Australian, or Australians, that they respect or admire, or a self-portrait. Media such as pencil, oil, acrylic, watercolour and charcoal will feature in this year's collection.

Jensen's painting - a pensive self-portrait depicting him underwater in a swimming pool - will join submissions from 29 other finalists on display at Brookfield Place's Tower 2, 123-125 St Georges Terrace Perth from 2-27 November 2020 as part of The Lester Prize Youth Awards Exhibition, with the winners announced on 12 November 2020.

The main competition of The Lester Prize features forty artists vying for a total prize pool of over \$85,000, making one of the richest prizes in Australia after the Archibald and Doug Moran competitions. These forty finalists' works will be on public display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia (AGWA) from 31 October – 29 November 2020. The Main Awards Winners are announced on 30 October 2020.

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